

St. Fillan's Primary and Nursery Class Parent Council
Minutes of Parent Council Meeting
Monday, 22 March 2021

Present

John Brawley (JB)	Parent Council Member (Chair)
Patricia Dobson (PD)	Parent Council Member (Treasurer)
Maria McKinney (MMcK)	Parent Council Member (Community Rep)
Preneet Dhillon (PD)	Parent Council Member
Anne Marie Balmer (AMB)	Parent Council Member
Frances Blair (FB)	Church Representative
Anne Martin	
Margo Brennan (MB)	Staff Representative
Brian Bourke (BB)	Head Teacher
Mrs Gibb	Principal Teacher
Julie Ionta	Clerk

Apologies

Andrew Carse	Parent Council Member
Paul Coleman	Parent Council Member
Chris Peacock	

1. Opening Prayer/Welcome/Apologies

JB welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Digital Learning

Mrs Gibb updated that following from the Digital Survey the school were able to determine that 32% of families didn't have devices for their children and 100% of families had access to wifi. The school were able to secure 61 iPads from Glasgow City Council

After the second lockdown began the school became aware that although the survey had shown that the majority of families had access to devices and wifi, not all children had access to their own device that was needed for home learning and not all families had access to wifi.

The school were able to secure additional devices and sim cards to help families access home learning. Mrs Gibb has also been in contact with Business to Schools with the hope that the school will be able to access additional laptops for pupils.

Staff have received digital training, particularly for Google Classrooms, Sumdog, Literacy Planet and First News.

Thanks were given from the Parent Council to Mrs Gibb and all staff for their help.

JB asked what the Parent Council could do to help with the outstanding devices that were needed. Mrs Gibb is hopeful that devices can be secured from Business to Schools.

Preneet shared links to other organisations that might be able to help.

Playground Markings

Mrs Gibb suggested that a further application could be made to the Area Partnership Fund for additional funding for the playground markings.

ACTIONS

JB will speak to member of Glasgow Parent Group for advice on application
BG will send previous application to JB

Mrs Gibb also suggested that Charitable Status for the Parent Council might be something to consider. JB said that it should be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

ACTIONS

JI to add Charitable Status to agenda.

3. Head Teacher Report

After a difficult time for everyone, all children have returned to school. Strict guidelines continue to be followed.

Risk assessments and guidelines are updated weekly, and staff have access to Lateral Flow Tests.

Hand sanitising continues.

Procedures for outbreaks of COVID19 within the school is taken on a case-by-case basis.

Student Teachers will in the school throughout the term.

Education Scotland have confirmed that PE should continue to be taken outdoors, with non-contact sports.

Parent Phone Calls have taken place.

Additional funding to aid recovery has been received and it is thought that it will be used to help with additional staffing.

Regular Parent communications continue. The school are looking at improvements being made to Twitter, website and the contact form to help make them more accessible and user-friendly.

Breakfast Clubs have re-started.

A number of outdoor jackets have been donated through a Partnership with another organisation.

It is hoped that extra-curricular clubs could re-start, with appropriate guidelines in place but this may not be for the foreseeable future.

Mr Bourke passed on his thanks from School staff, after a very difficult few months it was good have all pupils back at school.

JB passed on his thanks to all staff – pupils have been very appreciative to their teachers for the way that they have been supported through home learning.

4. Parking update

Community Police have been in attendance at the school to help monitor the Car Free Zone. There were particular difficulties during the period of home learning when the Hub was open in the School.

BB has brought up the visibility of the signage. They cannot be moved during the period of the pilot but could be angled to help with visibility. BB has asked if the tree growth surrounding the signs could be removed.

The Community Police continue to be committed to helping support the Car Free Zone.

MMcK asked if parents could be reminded not to park on Carmunnock Road at the Crossing Patrol. BB said that this could be included in the newsletter.

PD asked if a temporary sign, with clearer markings could be used in addition to the permanent signage. BB said that although this wouldn't be possible, he would feedback the need for clearer signage.

5. Finance Update

PD updated that the Parent Council bank balance stands at £5,312.35.

6. Grant Applications

Possible opportunity for support from Starbucks, Polmadie.

ACTION

BB and MMcK to discuss details

JB to discuss with Murray

7. Holyrood Update

Focus on Health and Wellbeing for first to third years who are attending school one hour a week.

Fourth to Sixth years have been attending for longer periods of time and focussing on assessments. Pupils are class based and Teachers move around the school.

A new Principal Teacher for English has been appointed.

Senior Pupils have been given the opportunity of Lateral Flow Tests.

MMcK asked if P7 children are given talks on making safe decisions once at High School.

BB advised that all pupils in Glasgow work through the Divided City project in Primary 7 and the Police work with the Pupil Council. Further suggestions were given of groups that could speak with pupils and BB will look at possibilities.

JB asked if the school could make connections with Holyrood's Campus Cop. BB said that this was included in the Transition Programme. BB said that the scale of the Transition Programme this year is being discussed at Holyrood.

8. PTA Update

A crowdfund page has been set up to help raise funds for STEM resources.

P7 leavers hoodies are being planned.

9. AOB

Preneet asked for an update on Twitter and if it would be possible for a review of the Parent Council Website page could take place to make sure that all information was up-to-date.

JB advised that a Social Media Policy has been drafted and will be circulated before the next meeting for discussion.

Preneet also asked about the timings of succession to the role of Chair. JB said that this could be considered at the end of this academic year.

MMcK asked for one method of circulating meeting dates could be used. JB said his preference would be for What's app. JI to send out e-mail asking for contact details.

It was also suggested that Teams might be a better platform to hold Parent Council Meetings. Mrs Brennan advised that Parent's could use their children's accounts to access meetings.

10. Next Meeting

Monday, 26th April at 6.30pm. Joining link will be sent prior to meeting.

