



Parent Council Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

19th September 2023 at 7.15 pm

online

Present: G McGill (HT) CllrMurray Victoria Stark Tracy Darroch Katrina Donaldson NicoleCampbell Louise Means Katelynn Carroll

In Attendance: K McCondichie (Nurture Teacher)
(for presentation M Bryceland (Family Learning Assistant)
purposes)

Apologies: Fr Toner J Lalor (DHT) Cllr MacDonald Elizabeth Oyelowo Craig Turner

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Mrs McGill welcomed attendees then the meeting started with a prayer.

Apologies

Apologies as noted above.

Clerk

Mrs McGill advised that Dora Hegedus was unable to continue as clerk due to work commitments. Charlotte Boyle, SLA at the school, will undertake the role moving forward.

HT Report – Focus: School Improvement Plan 23/24

Mrs McGill has given attendees a presentation on the Standards and Quality Report and highlighted - Attendance (22/23 figure: 93.27% with no exclusions), Attainment, Achievements (such as 49 achieving Pope Francis Faith Award 16 with Commendations) and progress in the Improvement plan priorities from last session and the very positive local Authority review undertaken during term 1

Priority 1 Raising Attainment in Reading and Creating a Reading Community

- *Achieved Gold Award form Scottish Book Trust Reading Schools Programme.
- *Every class has reading zone
- *Reading Committee created outdoor reading trolley for each area
- * Fairytale Forest developed
- *S5 / P2 Reading project

*STEM a story approach in partnership with secondary staff for second level – partnership working with Young STEM leaders from HTPS and St. Ninian's
*Bedtime Story Club and Family Learning Book Club
*Intergenerational reading activities with St. Joseph's Care Home
*Talk for Reading Units developed P1-7 with greater pupil engagement

*Planned 3% increase in Acel data mainly achieved. P1 (+2%), P4 (+17%) P7 (-1.8% but 11% increase on where that cohort tracked previous session.

Priority 2 Nurture/ Rights Respecting School Award

Nurturing Approaches throughout school and in SNUG

Daily HWB check-ins

PEBL approach successfully implemented in P7

10 RRS ambassadors who also worked with St. Ninian's

Achieved Bronze award for RRS

Created Silver Action plan

Pupils from EDC Pupil forum achieved Dynamic Youth Awards

Priority 3 Family and Community engagement

Array of family learning opportunities in partnership with Active Schools and CLD – Forrest schools, Cookery, Family Fitness, reading clubs and bespoke family supports.

Young STEM Leaders – STEM activities throughout school.

Young STEM Leaders Achieving Level 2 award

PEF: Pupil Equity Fund: additional funding allocated directly to schools based on free meal entitlement. HTPS allocation: £79.625 for the financial year 23/24.

School Improvement Plan Priorities Session 2023 2024

1. Raise Attainment in Maths: implementing new approaches to learning, teaching and assessment
2. Rights Respecting Schools / Equality and Inclusion
3. STEM Nation Award / Parental Involvement

Staffing Update

Mrs McGill has given an update on Staffing.

Teaching staff – new members include Miss Pugh in P3 and Miss Campbell in P5. A new SLA Stacey Liddell will start on 2nd Oct.

Nurture

Mrs McCondichie provided an overview of the nurturing principles and the work undertaken in the SNUG (Nurture Base)

Family Learning

Mrs Bryceland gave an overview of the Family learning implemented since the start of term in response to the parent questionnaire: Family Fitness, Forest Schools, Parent

Café and Homework Club. Trinity Tots and Family Art Club will commence after Oct holiday.

Signatories for Parent Council / PTA bank account agreed- Katrina Donaldson (Treasurer), Laura Hamilton (DHT / Parent) and Katelyn Carroll

AGM – Election of Office Bearers 23/24

Mrs McGill asked all present to consider taking on the role of Parent Council chair. Mrs McGill will support any parent who undertakes the role. The Parent Council chair would attend 4 EDC Parent Forum Meetings in the course of the year and feedback to the parent council. Mrs McGill explained that as HT she is unable to do this. Katrina will continue as treasurer.

Fundraising Ideas

Dates for Halloween discos and Christmas fayre discussed. Everyone invited to attend planning meetings at the Monday Parent café. Tracy advised she couldn't attend due to work commitments but is happy to help out at events in evenings or weekends.

Katrina advised she will undertake a 10k to help raise funds for the school.

All asked to share fundraising ideas by selecting reply all when they receive the minutes of the meetings.

Mrs McGill advised everyone they can apply for a free PVG certificate as part of the parent council. Louise has just received a PVG and will send in a copy.

Confirmation of Meeting Arrangements and confirmed PC Meeting dates 22/23

PC Meeting dates for 23/24 are as follows:

19th September 2023 (AGM)

24th October 2023

28th November 2023

23rd January 2024

26th March 2024

23rd April 2024

4th May 2024

All meetings will be conducted online with Parent Council/PTA fundraising planning undertaken at the Parent Café on Monday afternoons.

Mrs McGill thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was brought to a close.

Next Parent Council Meeting: 24th October 2023 at 7.15 pm