



6th October 2022

PC Meeting

MINUTES

Members Present: Elaine Miller, Joanne Simpson, Karen Douglas, Louise Bradshaw, Fiona Lyall, Clare Garcia Wilson, Jen Petronzio, Susanne Donachie, Dawn Tooke, Emma Killin, Ashley Miles, Laura Connor, Carolyn Sampson, Gail Wilson, Councillor Robert Brown.

Staff: Jen Innes, Jill Ring, Maureen Waddell, Gary Mowat, Kaleigh McIntosh, Lynne Martin

Apologies: Chris McVey, Kelly Anderson, Jayne Swanson, Emma McIntyre, Kelly Anderson, Julie Kirkland, Monica Paul-Sharma, Councillor Margaret Cowie, Pamela Armstrong, Aishah Ali.

▪ **Welcome**

Elaine welcomed everyone to the PC meeting and thanked the members that were also attending for the first time via Zoom with our new hybrid approach.

▪ **Minutes from last meeting:** Approved, following action points still outstanding:

- **Jayne Swanson-** Processes document to be produced covering all PC procedures – **complete**
- **Joanne Simpson** - Compile a list of all PC members who are also PVG members – **on-going**

▪ **Correspondence**

Elaine advised that there was no correspondence but confirmed that she was still speaking to David regarding setting up the PC e-mail account to include her name. Karen advised that she could possibly help with this. There had also been some issues raised regarding traffic around the school and Jen advised that she would speak to P.C Wondrum to pay particular attention to issues at both the front and back of the school. We discussed purchasing the kiddie cut out road safety pavement signs and Susanne agreed to price these, and we would also to speak to David regarding this possibly being funded as part of the travel plan. School staff will also try to patrol the parking issues when they can.

▪ P.C Introductions

As we are lucky enough to have a number of new members joining us we took the time to go around the room and everyone introduced themselves and advised what they liked about being involved with the parent council.

▪ Head Teacher Report – Jen Innes

Thank you!

- I would like to begin by saying an enormous ‘thank you’ to Joanne Simpson for the furniture donations from her place of work – and also to David for helping to get some of the furniture to us and dismantling/rebuilding some of the bigger pieces. We were lucky enough to get numerous lockable cabinets, chairs, tables, a whiteboard and a large amount of stationery, all of which is greatly appreciated and has been put to good use.
- I would also like to thank Julie Kirkland, for driving the van that we had to hire to move the furniture, and Gary Mowat, Jackie McGuire, Nicola Allison, Jillian Ring, Mark Preiss and our janitor Kenny for helping to move the furniture.

Staffing News

- There is no current staffing update

School Improvement Plan and Standards and Quality Report

- During the last Parent council meeting I shared with you our Standards and Quality Report (reporting on last session’s progress) and School Improvement Plan (identifying priorities for this session). These were also sent out to parents and carers after our meeting.
- Does anyone have any questions about - or comments on – either of these documents?
- The Standards and Quality Report and School Improvement Plan are both available on the website.

The School Year/School Events

- Miss Keary (our Room 8 teacher) managed to secure over 100 hundred tickets to watch Scotland Women’s National Team take on Austria tonight in a World Cup qualifier.
- This is a brilliant opportunity to cheer on our team and experience the excitement of a live football match, and we want to say an enormous ‘thank you’ to Miss Keary and her friends in the squad!
- Our latest ICT Refresh begins tomorrow, and we are expecting a significant amount of disruption to our ICT access until the end of next week.
- We have sent a message out to parents and carers to bear with us and not use email to communicate any important messages.
- At the end of the Refresh we are looking forward to enjoying an updated and improved ICT provision, which will be of benefit to our pupils.
- We had our Harvest assemblies yesterday, supported by Andrew and Ross from our chaplaincy team. We are now looking for Harvest donations, which will be split between Rutherglen and Cambuslang foodbank and our own community project run by our Primary 7 classes – more information about this will be with you soon.
- Our Primary 5 classes were at the Glasgow Science Centre today as part of their Science topic. They will also be going to Sky Academy at the end of the month. We have lots of other excursions in the works, and all classes will have had an educational excursion linked to their learning by the end of the session.
- This evening Mrs Ring welcomed our Primary 7 parents and carers into school for a meeting about the residential trip to Lockerbie in February. We know that this is a highlight of the year for our Primary 7 pupils and they will be very much looking forward to it.
- Last week we had the second of our Love Autism workshops for parents and carers delivered by Anne Love. These have been very well attended and hopefully parents and carers have found them useful. There is one more session booked for 28th October.
- On 11th October, we have 6 representatives from Primary 5 and 6 travelling to Hamilton with Ms

McGuire for South Lanarkshire Councils first COP1 event, exploring sustainability and the actions we can take to prevent further climate change. Pupils will be engaging in a range of activities and discussions, including a TED talk, and will bring their thoughts and ideas back to school to look at what we can do at Calderwood. As a sustainable option, the group will be travelling to the event by train.

- As our Primary 1 pupils will not be attending the Halloween Discos, we will have a Halloween Party for them on Friday 28th October, along with some other spooky activities for the rest of the school.
- Rehearsals have started for our Burns Competition entrants, and we look forward to the face-to-face competition at the beginning of December.
- Our pupils will be looking forward to our annual cinema visits. This year Primary 5 to 7 will be watching *The Croods* on 10th November, whilst on 22nd November, Primary 1 to 4 will be travelling to the GFT to watch *The Bad Guys*.
- On the 3rd and 4th of November our Primary 7 classes will be engaging in The Home Front drama workshops. These activities are really engaging for pupils and they bring their learning about the past to life.
- Last week we celebrated Maths Week Scotland with lots of engaging activities and visitors, both real-life and virtual. Thank you to everyone who came in to speak to our classes. As part of the week Rooms 13, 14 and 15 attended Maths Anxiety Workshops through delivered through STEM.

Parents' Evenings and Reporting to Parents

- We are looking forward to our face-to-face Parents' Evenings next week, and we will have some additional activities set up in the hall for visiting parents and carers, including our Eco Uniform, Eco Library, refreshments, lost property and also an opportunity to provide feedback around issues such as homework.
- In order to accommodate the busy working lives of parents and carers, we are planning a digital Curriculum Evening for our Primary 1 families when we return from our October break – more information will be with parents and carers shortly.

▪ Subgroups

Reading subgroup – Elaine provided a brief outline of what this group is for anyone who was unsure. Jen then provided the following update on behalf of Julie Kirkland.

Our action plan has been evidenced and submitted, and we are waiting to hear back from the Reading School accreditation scheme. We are still wanting to very much focus on community involvement and raising the profile of reading with our Calderwood families and wider community. Last session we made links with our local library in Rutherglen, supporting local book launches and arranging visits to the library for all of our P4-7 children. Our younger children received a visit from one of our local librarians, and this was about raising the profile of the library and its services within the community. As you know, we recently featured on Camglen radio station, sharing our thoughts and reviewing the well know title, *Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone*. This year, we want to work with the wider community more. So far we have the following planned...

- Launch of eco library at next weeks parents' evening
- Re-launch of our school library to coincide with Book Week Scotland (14th – 20th November)
- P1 Bookbug and P2 and P3 Read Write Count Bag launches – dates to be confirmed
- Preparation and planning for Book Week Scotland

I will arrange a meeting with our Parent Council Reading Subgroup for the week after the October break to discuss ideas and come up with plans to encourage parental involvement for the upcoming Book Week Scotland

Community Engagement subgroup – Elaine provided a brief outline of what this group is for anyone who was unsure. It was confirmed that 'save the dates' has now been issued and also update on our social media and will be in school bags tomorrow for children to take home. P.C newsletter is also being worked on and we will look at producing this twice a year. Jayne has reached out to a group for possible funding for the school football pitch but this wasn't successful. Jen advised that Julie had also provided the following update on this.

Contact has been made with Jo Gillies, Senior Landscape Officer within South Lanarkshire Council. She has advised that the project will have to be assigned to a designer, and at the present time they are currently looking at approximately 5 months before they would be able to put this design project on their work programme as they have quite a few schools and community groups in front of us.

In the meantime, there hasn't been any similar projects locally that they would be able to base rough figures on. This project would have to be properly scoped, designed and costed and the only way for this to happen is for it to be put on our pending list and wait its turn to be allocated.

What Jo has asked is, who would be responsible for maintenance costs? This is something we will have to consider. The maintenance costs would be dependent upon what the sub-base is and what the drainage requirements are etc. Just a few other things to consider.

Laura advised that this was good information to know and that we can get put on a list as we really need it to be properly costed. Laura also advised that she had met with Councillor Robert Brown who had provided websites to possibly apply for funding for this project which Laura will look into. Councillor Brown also advised that he had also had conversations with Stonelaw regarding the possibility of using their pitches, but no agreement was made.

Sustainability subgroup – Elaine provided a brief outline of what this group is for anyone who was unsure. It was agreed that we need to get some communication out regarding donating Halloween costumes before the October break. We can say to parents/carers that you can drop costumes into class teacher and look to ask if anyone has any donations of winter coats/welly boots/Christmas jumpers too. It was agreed that we shouldn't call this a swap as it makes out that if you hand something in you get something back.

Events subgroup – Halloween disco is next week, and the event flyer is going out. P2-P4 is at 6.30pm and P5-P7 is at 7.45pm and the cost is £3 per child. P1 will be having a Halloween party on the Friday, the day after the disco. Next big event is the Christmas Fair and the events team is meeting next week to start the discussions.

▪ **Treasurers Report**

Gail advised that the £7.5k cheque for match funding from Elaine's work has now been received which is amazing, a huge thank you again for this. Panto costing has also now been received so Jill will get this to Gail ASAP. For information we are also looking to get an outline for what the PC fund for the school each year. If anyone has any questions regarding the accounts, then please contact Gail directly to discuss.

▪ **Any other business**

Joanne asked if the children will be designing Christmas cards again this year and Jill advised that she would look into this.

We will try and set up something at parents night for the Eco Uniform and for the PC to attract new members.

▪ **Next meeting Thursday 3rd November 2022**

Meeting closed.