

Parent Council

Meeting Date: 20/01/2026, 6pm via Teams

Attendees: Nigel Rooke (Chair) Lesley Davidson (Interim Head teacher), Libby Bradford (Deputy Head Teacher), , Katie Edwards, Kerry Simpson, Deniz Uster-Harrup, Emma Alkirwi, Andrew Mawston, Janet Jamieson, Rebecca Houston.

Apologies: Sravan Vadaga, Fraser Gallacher, Mhairi Sermanni

Matters Arising/Minute of Last Meeting

Libby Bradford reported that Jill Paterson confirmed there was 30 PVG cleared parents for helping at events. Likely there should be another recruitment as the target was 50. Agreed to put another call in next newsletter and for PC members to encourage further uptake.

Head Teachers Report

All the festivities went well and all parents seemed to enjoy church service. The carol singing within the school was very well attended and seemed to be enjoyed too. All the children enjoyed their Christmas parties. The children have all be very well presented to school in their uniform and overall the children have been calm and enjoying being back at school.

The school has been awarded two Grants. One worth £1K to support literacy initiatives which was from the Scottish Government. This was received as a proportion of children fall under quintile 1 in the government ratings.

The other grant was £2k and for sports equipment from a charity which supports health and wellbeing within schools.

Items that will be concentrated on this term is reviewing the school values. It feels like that there are too many which can become quite confusing and difficult to remember for all the school community. There will be survey links sent out so there is a collaborative approach between parents, pupils and teachers so everyone can be on board and the values can be reinforced from all areas. Brian will be involved to support this initiative.

There will be Parent sessions available with Brian (Orbis) over the coming months and are as follows:

05th of February at 6:30pm **about Values**

26th of February in the morning (time TBC) regarding **Resilience**

12th of March at 2-3pm and 6:30pm **about Managing Behavior** this will touch upon social media and phones also.

Lesley Davidson also welcomed further ideas from the parents regarding this.

A newsletter will be circulated shortly of these dates as well as sports day (there will be two potential dates in case of the weather).

AOB

It was brought up by two parents Kerry Simpson and Emma Alkirwi that some parents had expressed an opinion that it would be good to run at least part of sports day in a traditional way with 1st, 2nd and 3rd places etc as some children who do not necessarily shine academically can shine in this way. Libby Bradford reported that behind the scenes they do relay races in this way to qualify for certain races within the sports day but will take this onboard as may be more flexibility now there the sports day is being held in the community sports grounds.

Emma Alkirwi brought up from another parent that she was concerned as there didn't always seem to be teachers before and after school at the gates and was particularly concerned on the days when the High schools finish earlier. Kerry Simpson also cited about the younger children being dropped off by school buses as many of them are p1-3. Libby Bradford reported that Mrs Barber and Miss Quail were often there and Lesley Davidson also reported that SLT do strive to be there also but this is not always possible due to other commitments. It will be supported by best endeavours.

Action Points

Lesley Davidson:

- Ask for more volunteers in next newsletter
- Agreed to mention in newsletter that the school does not officially open till 9am.
- Ask parents about other topics they would like Brian to discuss

Libby Bradford

- Agreed to review elements of sports day and check regarding children dropped off by school bus

Next meeting 17th of March on Teams with final meeting likely face to face in June.