

WPS PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

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MONDAY 24TH JANUARY 2022 7PM – 8.30PM

Apologies -Andy Walker PC Chair and Marie Young, Deputy Head Teacher, WPS

Attendance

Jane Dunlop Vice Chair, Parent Council

Jane Livingston, Head Teacher, WPS

Cllr Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Leader of WLC and Councillor for Livingston South (WPS Area)

Christine Chalmers

Elain Kinloch

Emma MacGregor

Gemma Taylor

Lesley Dunlop

Lindsay Swan

Rob Scott Branton

Roisin Tomson, Principal Teacher WPS

Victoria Finch

Marian Said

Jennifer Ross

1. The meeting was opened by Deputy-Chair.

JD welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their time.

Jane Dunlop advised she had accepted the position of Deputy Chair and was going to step back from to focus on this role.

2. Update from School Leadership Team (Mrs Livingston and Mrs Thomson)

Mrs Livingston provided the update. The update is provided separately.

3. Update from Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick

Councillor Fitzpatrick provided an update on several matters affecting both the school and wider ward issues.

- Regarding the electricity cables and associated works - LF has been in touch with both the contractors and the WLC road works team to ensure things run as smoothly as possible. In connection with this there have been offers of potential compensation. JL commented that a letter from the parent council to the company undertaking the works may be the best approach. JD to inform the PC Chair.
- LF highlighted the traffic regulation orders that were being progressed and the meeting noted the double yellow lines that are going to be provided on the corners of Bankton Lane.
- LF highlighted the recent case at Bright Horizons in Edinburgh where there has been a fine. LF advised that it was important that a good standard of care was provided at all ELC settlements in WL and care commission reports were being considered.
- It was noted that attainment in across WL was above the national average.
- National Entitlement Cards are available for under age 22 to apply for free bus travel. JD advised that these can be ordered through the parent portal : [parentsportal | parentsportal.scot](https://parentsportal.scot.nhs.uk) using the login that parents use for I-Pay Impact.
- Community Safety Report from Police Scotland highlighted that housebreakings, domestic violence and hate crime had doubled over the course of the pandemic.
- Ex West Lothian Councillor and local resident David McGrouther passed away recently.
- Scottish Government issued a “wellbeing survey” to collect data for a Wellbeing Report, WLC declined to supply data.
- Works on Murieston road will include improvements such as pedestrian refuges. WLC are currently considering their options in connection with the right of way between Wellview and Skivo as there is a proposal to block this off by the developer.
- The council is considering its position in terms of Ash Dieback, this is an issue affecting the whole country. The National Woodland Trust have removed some trees already.
- LF highlighted the change in the law regarding smoke detectors. Urging individuals to review the guidance.

4. Availability of WPS PC Positions

- Treasurer – Lyndsay Swan has requested to step down from her position as Treasurer. Huge thank you to Lyndsay for everything. *Post Meeting Note: Emma Mac Gregor has offered to take up the role of Treasurer.*
- STEM Sub-Committee – Several people have come forward to offer assistance with this role. ACTION – PC Chair to contact these persons and establish what their thoughts on the role are.
- Grants – Seeking out any funding opportunities for the school.
- P1 Rep – Elaine would prefer to stand down for this position, so we are looking for any volunteers.

5. Finance Update

- Currently have £2,282.23 in the PC Bank Account.
- PC has agreed to fund £1000 towards the new smart boards within the school.
ACTION – PC Chair / Treasurer to liaise with School regards money transfer.
- This shall leave £1,282.23 in the PC Bank Account.
- Lindsay Swan advised there is a further £49 in the PC PayPal account, this is as a result of a refund.

6. Sub-Committee Updates

a. Fundraising

Recent approach by 3rd party regards the selling of WPS branded hair accessories was deemed a good idea by the committee but the costs were prohibitive and deemed an unattractive proposition. The committee will meet shortly to discuss if there are any similar ideas which may be more viable. JD advised that PC fundraising committee were open to ideas.

b. Communications

No update currently.

c. STEM

No update currently.

d. Grants

JD advised that she had investigated the grants for cycling infrastructure and active travel. There are two sets of funding available. JD, GT and EK had advised they would be willing to be in a subgroup regarding this. JD to offer some dates to JL for an initial meeting.

7. Year Rep Updates

a. Nursery – Christine Chalmers – Nothing to raise on behalf of year group.

b. P1 – Elaine Kinloch (Still Temporary) - Nothing to raise on behalf of year group, however there were a couple of items raised in connection with wellbeing. Requests have been made to review the levels of sugar in puddings, the calorie content and size of flapjack and if ham sandwiches can be provided on other days. JL will raise this with the kitchen and feedback directly to EK.

c. P2 - Jennifer Ross and Lindsay Gibson - Nothing to raise on behalf of year group. Lindsay Gibson has stood down; Claire Stanfield has offered to assist with P2. The PC thanks Lindsay for her service.

d. P3 – Nat McGowan - Nothing to raise on behalf of year group.

e. P4 – Jane Dunlop - Nothing to raise on behalf of year group.

f. P5 – Gemma Taylor Nothing to raise on behalf of year group.

g. P6 – Lesley Dunlop and Alison Elliot - Nothing to raise on behalf of year group. AE asked if there were any plans to mix classes. JL advised not at present however the school will update the year group if this happens.

h. P7 – Jennifer Ross – Question regarding the end of year, year group photos for P1 and P7. Mrs Livingston advised these will happen and it is possible that it will be the full year, she is aware that classes have changed.

8. AOB

RT gave a quick update on bring your own device for P4 to P7 and responsible user agreements. The school has purchased several new iPads and all pupils will have access to these therefore each pupil will be provided with a responsible user agreement to read and sign. BYOD to school will be parent choice and for P4 upwards.

JD raised the issue of the school bus being oversubscribed. There are several pupils that hold annual passes and do not use them, this prevent revenue being gained by the council and the use of the bus by others. JL advised her team are liaising with the WLC on this matter. Consideration of a letter from the Parent Council to the Public Transport Team to highlight he problems. JD to advise the PC Chair.

9. Future Meeting Dates

~~a. Monday 13th September~~

~~b. Tuesday 9th November~~

~~c. Monday 24th January~~

d. Tuesday 29th March

e. Monday 16th May

The meeting closed – 20.11