

Harestanes Primary Parent Council Meeting

Minute of Meeting
Held on Monday 3 October 2022
within Kirkintilloch High School

Present: JG (Head Teacher)
MMacD (Co-Chair)
CC (Co-Chair)
DM
MM
AC
KM (Clerk)

1. Welcome

CC welcomed everyone present.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from SMacD and JB.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

Minute of the last meeting were adopted as being correct by MMacD and seconded by CC.

4. Matters Arising

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

5. Councillors Update

As there were no Councillors in attendance, there was no update.

6. HT Report

JG advised that we had had significant staff changes this year and we currently have 3 NQTs, Miss McGee (P2), Miss Kennedy (P5/6) and Miss Gough (P6/7) on placement. We also have Miss Pender who is from the Permanent Supply Pool.

Mrs Neilly is now in post as Principal Teacher within the ELR and has agreed to be the Teacher Representative on the Parent Council from the next meeting.

Mrs Hudson will be our Acting Principal Teacher within the school and she will be PEF funded.

There are now 4 ELR classes and one class requires structural works to make it a more suitable space for the children.

Our 50th Anniversary Celebration Day on 1 September was a great success and it was wonderful to see some many parents attend. We have organised new banners for the school to mark the 50th Anniversary and we would like to buy a new sound system for the hall with a view to this being used for our 50th Anniversary Concert in June 2023.

It was unfortunate that there had been a low return on feedback to the School Improvement Plan (which is available online). The school will be focusing on Health & Wellbeing, Nurture, The Inclusive Classroom, RSHP and Literacy (Reading School) this year. JG advised that as a school we were arriving late to the RSHP programme. However, she intends to consult with parents and address any concerns they may have before the programme is rolled out, after the October break. JG advised that every part of the RSHP programme was age appropriate and buildable as the children progress through school.

JG advised the Parent Council that Mrs Grant was participating in her "Into Headship" qualification and as part of this she was introducing Reading Schools and trying to encourage enjoyment of reading.

JG advised that our PEF allocation for 2022/23 was £45,360 and this money would be used to fund the Acting Principal Teacher post, who will be supporting children's literacy within the school, and also a Classroom Assistant. This post was currently awaiting clearance to be advertised.

7. Chairpersons Updates

CC and MMacD advised they had no updates at this time.

8. AOCB

MMacD advised that she would like it minuted that parents were advised last year that P6 and P7 pupils would be entitled to free school meals at the start of this term. MMacD advised that she was disappointed that no communication was made to parents that this was, in fact, not the case. JG advised that the school hadn't been advised of this change either and that this had been a decision made at a higher level.

As a school community we are aware of how difficult things are likely to be for a lot of our families over the coming months and as such our Family Learning Assistant, Mrs Summers, was working on a programme to recycle pre-loved uniform, Halloween costumes and Christmas jumpers to try and help our families.

MMacD asked if the Armour Drive gate was open again. JG advised that it was, but that we had not noticed the same through traffic as there had been in the past.

JG advised that the office would be understaffed for the foreseeable future due to Ms Kirk being absent due to ill health.

9. Date of the next meeting:

The date of the next meeting was set as Monday 16 January 2023 at 7.00pm within Kirkintilloch High.