

Harestanes Primary Parent Council Meeting

Minute of Meeting
Held online on Monday 16 January 2023

Present: JG (Head Teacher)
MMa (Co-Chair)
CC (Co-Chair)
MM
AC
RN (Teacher Representative)
KM (Clerk)

1. Welcome

MMa welcomed everyone present.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from SMacD, JB, DM and MM for lateness.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

Minute of the last meeting were adopted as being correct by Michelle MacDonald.

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

a. **Staffing**

JG advised that Mrs Davidson had now returned to P4 after a long absence. Ms Kirk, however, remained absence from the school office at present. Mrs Patel is now on maternity leave, having given birth to a baby boy last week and her absence is being covered by Ms Cowan. Mr Beneran

has also now started with us working 12.5 hrs in mainstream supporting P1-3 with language. Mrs Hudson is our Acting Principal Teacher and is PEF funded.

b. Improvement Plan

Our Improvement Plan has been submitted to the authority. In this the mainstream and ELR are as one. We also have our Nurture class which was promoted at our last Parents Night back in November. The cohort of children attend Nurture 5 mornings a week for 4 terms, going to the own assigned classes in the afternoon.

Dr Docherty had been supporting the school in relation to the Inclusive Classroom. Teachers have been sharing information, techniques and methods for positive learning in school. All children learn differently. Also pictorial sequencing had proved to be a very good learning tool for all our children.

Our Development Group are currently working on plans to implement the RSHP which parents received a briefing on back in October. All materials are available for parents to view online.

c. Pupil Equity Funding

We are using our PEF funding to buy additional staff this year. Mrs Hudson is supporting active literacy and small groups of children in school who require additional support. Mr Benaran will be supporting P1 - P3 children with their language development. We have purchased 10 new laptops but due to problems with the IT build programme these are not up and running yet. We are pushing the authority to get this problem resolve and have out laptops built to EDC specification.

d. 50th Anniversary

We propose to hold an Anniversary Concert in School on 14/15 June to mark the end of our anniversary year. With this in mind, we are hoping to purchase a new sound system with funds raised by our PTA. This will be a lasting legacy for the school and a much needed piece of equipment.

7. Chairpersons Updates

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

8. AOCB

MMA asked when information regarding the forthcoming strike would be issued. JG advised that this arrived late yesterday afternoon and would be issued tomorrow.

CC and MMA both wondering what would happen should a strike day be fixed for a day during the P7 Lendrick Muir residential trip. JG advised that she was unsure of the exact position but we would try and find a way around it. JG advised that Ms Neilly would going to try and visit Lendrick Muir to see the lay out prior to our visit. More relevant information will be issued to parents very shortly. Lendrick Muir have confirmed that other schools will be in attendance during our stay.

MMA asked if all teachers use Teams. JG advised that there was a hybrid system in place but yes, all teachers should be using Teams.

JG asked how everyone felt about the children missing the visit to the Pantomime this year. Most felt it was an exciting experience for children that would be good to try and have again. JG asking how everyone felt about "Paying up" the cost of attending the Panto from, say August, and every felt this was a good idea. It was noted that it is not the Pantomime that incurs the greatest cost but the transport to get all the children to it.

9. Date of the next meeting:

The date of the next meeting was set as Monday 24 April 2023 at 7.00pm within Kirkintilloch High.