

Harestanes Primary Parent Council Meeting

Minute of Meeting

Held online on Monday 24 April 2023

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

1. Welcome

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from DM, PM, SM and SMacD.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

After the seconder was removed from the last Minutes, they were adopted as being correct by MMacD and seconded by AC.

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. Dealing with Challenging & Difficult Behaviour Presentation

JG provided a detailed overview on how the school, as a whole, deals with challenging and difficult behaviour, as requested by a parent. JG advised that all behaviour is a form of communication, that forming relationships are key to dealing with these situations and that behaviours are supported using both universal and targeted supports.

7. 50th Anniversary Concert

JG advised that the school will be holding a 50th Anniversary Concert on 14 and 15 June. JG asked for feedback on an evening performance as historically these were not well supported by the children. It was decided that the whole school community should be given a view on this via a Glow questionnaire.

JG also advised that we hoped to have a new sound system in place for the concert.

8. HT Report

a. Staffing

JG advised that we have had a very challenging term with staffing. Mrs Davidson has reduced her hours to 0.6FTE until June and that Miss Fraser is covering the other 0.4FTE in P4. Mrs Walsh has now left the school and after interview Mrs McGregor is not full time in P1 until June. Ms Kirk has returned to work on a phased return, working Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, until June. Miss Woods left the ELR for a new position and this vacancy is currently being advertised and covered temporarily by Miss Haggerty and Mrs Graham until the vacancy can be filled. Mr Beneran working 12.5 additional hours supporting P1 to P3 with literacy. Mrs Hudson is acting PT, which is PEF funded. We have 3 NQT leavers in June along with Ms McGoohan in the ELR. Mr McLellan has indicated his intention to retire at the end of June.

b. School Improvement Plan

The school continues to work on raising attainment in reading. Our library is being revamped with advice and assistance from the William Patrick Library staff and parent volunteers have been involved in supporting this project.

Working on RSHP implementation. Meetings have been held for parents and all resources and lessons are available to view online.

c. Pupil Equity Funding

It is the intention, this financial year, to use PEF funding to buy additional staff. Currently, Mrs Hudson, acting PT, supports literacy in small targeted groups through all levels of the school, who require additional support. Mr Beneran, Classroom Assistant, is supporting literacy in P1 - P3 children with their language development. The 10 new laptops recently purchase are now in operation across the school.

9. Chairpersons Updates

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

10. AOCB

There were no issues raised.

11. Date of the next meeting:

Date of the next meeting to be fixed at a later date.