

Falla Hill Primary School Parent Council Minutes

Tuesday 20th Aug 2024

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Falla Hill Primary School

HEADTEACHER	Martin McCusker
OTHER TEACHERS	Shirley Thomson, Lorna Gunning.
COUNCIL MEMBERS	Ross, Cheryl, Malcolm, Angela, and Bede.
GUESTS	N/A

OPENING COMMENTS	Welcome everyone to the first meeting for 2024-2025.
APOLOGIES	Claire, Maggie, Leona, Zia.
PREVIOUS MINUTES	Approved.
CORRESPONDENCE and SOCIAL MEDIA	None.
ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	All actions from previous meeting have been completed.
HEADTEACHER'S REPORT	<p>Pupil numbers – 194+24 in nursery. Organised into 9 classes. School numbers are relatively steady.</p> <p>2023-2024 Data: Q1 figures for Falla Hill Primary School are above West Lothian Average Improvement in Literacy for Q1 students (P2-P7) from previous years. Improvement in Numeracy for Q1 students (P2-P7) from previous years.</p> <p>Validated Self Evaluation (VSE) – The school is looking for parents/carers on the morning of 4th September.</p> <p>School Improvement Plan (SIP): Keep the progressive rise in overall attainment STEAM project – P7 careers day at Whitburn academy Gender gaps and closing the attainment gaps are not straight forward – PEF P1 support, counsellor, PSW (26 hours interventions), digital offer, universal Participatory Budget etc. Wellbeing focus – continue with focus on HGIOS and the 11 characteristics of Highly Effective Practice Curriculum review focused on four capacities</p> <p>Finance / Resources / Staffing: DSM budget – as with all schools is tight and getting tighter. However, we are blessed with a good ratio of staff. School fund - £7600. £1500 to come off. £600 for the breakfast club leaves £5500 Fundraising to pay for panto (£1300) Miss Lanigan and Miss Gibson (Probationers) Miss Miller Early Years Practitioner in P1 to support higher level of Q1 students (50%) Mrs Hughes is looking at quotes for bibs.</p> <p>Events and engagement: Sponsored event – week beginning 9th September Hurl H2O at the Heidie Class that hits the Headteacher the most sponges get extra play time Halloween? Possibility of a Disco to raise funds McMillan Coffee Morning P! Parent sessions Achievement for All / Turquoise awards – 4th Oct STEAM Projects Christmas Fayre is 6th December.</p> <p>Other comments: Sum dog subscription and Literacy software paid. iPads and laptops to be considered with remaining budgets.</p> <p>Plan to upskill current P6's in Microsoft accessibility products. P6s will pass this learning onto the following year group.</p> <p>Smartboard put into replace board in P3 instead of original plan of placing in P2.</p>
FINANCIAL UPDATE	<p>£704.14 in the account.</p> <p>Only committed spend for the year is P7 Hoodies. P1 gifts already purchased and paid for.</p>
2024/2025 PLANS	<p>Parent council will be involved in Christmas Fayre and organise a raffle Parent council will organise an Easter activity to raise funds. The Smarties tube fund raiser was considered in addition to the other fund raising activities due to its previous success.</p>
EVENTS (including Fundraising and Christmas Fayre)	As above.
ANY OTHER BUSINESS	N/A
ACTIONS TO COMPLETE	N/A

DATE OF NEXT MEETING(1)	Tues 22Oct2024 at 18.15
DATE OF NEXT MEETING(2)	Thurs 21Nov2024 at 18.15
DATE OF NEXT MEETING(3)	Tues 11Mar2025 at 18.15
DATE OF NEXT MEETING(4)	Thurs 8May2025 at 18.15