

Falla Hill Primary School Parent Council Minutes

Tuesday 22nd Oct 2024

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Falla Hill Primary School

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

WELCOME/OPENING COMMENTS	Cheryl will be missed and has made an enormous contribution.
APOLOGIES	Claire, Leona, Zia.
PREVIOUS MINUTES	Agreed.
RE-DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTED ROLES	Chair – Ross Vice Chair – Angela Treasurer – Leona Secretary – Bede
CORRESPONDENCE and SOCIAL MEDIA	Facebook page:minutes were added to Facebook page. Newsletter has not been updated recently so they will be updated. 18 th January 2024:councillors meeting follow up: external works to school (painting) will not be completed. Retarmacking will be asked again to Councillors And weeds in school. And evidence of procurement process
ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	No actions listed at last meeting.
HEADTEACHER'S REPORT	Targets being reached on improvement plan. Students making progress on several fronts. Impact of extra teacher is having an effect. STEAM project with P7s was positive. Curriculum review is underway with student voice embedded; it will be based on the four capacities. A draft will be presented to the PC before going to the wider parent forum. Curriculum around digital skills, particularly around literacy: possibility of P6 demonstrating this to P5 in the future. P7 students are working on a 'Digital Ninja' programme, with opportunities highlighted around CDT. Ten new laptops have been purchased to allow two separate year groups to work on digital projects at once. School fund sitting at £8.5K. Cushions and better chairs have been requested by the students for assemblies etc, these will likely be purchased along with a refresh of other equipment. School budget has a buffer of £3-4K remaining. Various trips and events are arranged.
FINANCIAL UPDATE	Parent Council bank account £743.64
EVENTS (including Fundraising)	Christmas Fayre and raffle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Malcolm has some vendors looking for tables. Set up time from 8.30am - Maggie, Malcolm and Bede can do Christmas Fayre Grants and Trusts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Levensseat planting was successful, to be done again. - Martin to consider options for experiences that could qualify for grant funding.
ANY OTHER BUSINESS	Coordinated reporting to https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/32095/Report-a-Dog-Fouling-Issue Next meeting moved to 6.30pm Ross discussed need for new members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ross to make flyers for new Parent Council meetings - Martin to speak to some parents to get feedback about possibly attending meetings Halloween <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some clashes for the Disco have created challenges, some extra help from PC may be possible. Nativity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Many children need to be included this year. Three performances will be given rather than two due to numbers. Going forward P1 children doing something with their buddies could be an option.
ACTIONS TO COMPLETE	Councillors follow up: Bede Start-up fund given to teachers: £25 given to each class for a float for Christmas Fayre (Ross) Maggie to ask Lidl, Aldi, Scotmid, and other businesses.

	Bede to do regular contacts for raffle donations Ross to speak to Cheryl about her contacts Bede arrange tickets for raffle Martin to consider options for events for fundraising targets
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DATE OF NEXT MEETING(1)	Thurs 21Nov2024 at 1830
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DATE OF NEXT MEETING(2)	Tues 11Mar2025 at 18.15
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DATE OF NEXT MEETING(3)	Thurs 08May2025 at 18.15
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DATE OF NEXT MEETING(4)	TBC if required
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