

# Falla Hill Primary School Parent Council Minutes

Thursday 21 November 2024

1830

Falla Hill Primary School

<b>HEADTEACHER</b>	Martin McCusker
<b>OTHER TEACHERS</b>	Shirley Thomson, Lorna Gunning.
<b>COUNCIL MEMBERS</b>	Samantha, Ryan, Ross, Bede, Leona, Malcolm, Angela, Claire
<b>GUESTS</b>	N/A

<b>WELCOME/OPENING COMMENTS</b>	Ross welcomed new members, and everyone made an introduction.
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Claire, Zia, Maggie,
<b>PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	Maggie is vice chair
<b>CORRESPONDENCE and SOCIAL MEDIA</b>	OneDrive are now where files are stored. Martin invited the Parent Council to the Nativity.
<b>ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	Bede wrote back to councillors pressing for answers on the tarmac and procurement process. Money was handed to teachers as a float Ross and Cheryl exchanged information about contacts for the Raffle Raffle tickets done Martin wrote to Bede about purchasing digital hardware for a lifelong learning initiative. Leona commented about work around digital poverty and screen usage. Ryan asked what this would achieve: Martin commented that it would be targeted with, for example, 16 places, it would be about getting engagement with children who are not using digital. A Minecraft club was successful, but largely only kids who had a device could/did come. Children do a lot of basic digital work with for example Office 365, in particular P6. Ryan: can serve a dual purpose of enhancing interests for those who are already skilled in digital, but also generally engaging those who might not otherwise be engaging. Costs are significant: £4K for 10 Laptops was recently spent. Ross commented that many children are good at 'playing' but get overwhelmed with 'work' on digital.
<b>HEADTEACHER'S REPORT</b>	Numbers are the same on the school roll. 0.4% improvement on attendance, 148 more days of children being in school. Given class sizes of P2 and P1 it is likely that composites will be needed next year. Leona commented that PC could help with engagement around explaining composites. It looks like a P4/3 composite next year as well. Martin explained that composites in FH are based about managing the breadth of learning in the classroom. Consultation on Nursery's in FH: inspector coming to meet PC members. It would be good for FH Nursery to remain open and would be a suitable facility for the projected numbers. School improvement plan: curriculum review underway. The STEAM project is looking good: teaching staff from the Whitburn cluster were at Polkemmet. Early years looking at a planet on which the animals can survive. P4 Planet and Transport. P5—7 looking at communication. This will be available to see April 2025. Ryan raised the STEM option on TikTok. P7 looking at meta skills, critical thinking. School fund just over £9.5. £3K committed. Disco very popular and successful. Martin asked about the Nativity and whether the ticketing had been well received: Angela feedback about parents being concerned about there being only one evening performance. Children in Need event successful too. Advent assemblies coming up on Monday afternoons, they couldn't fit into Fridays. P7s did well at the Remembrance Service. Good engagement with Fauldhouse United. Mr Brown from St Andrews will do a service for the children.
<b>FINANCIAL UPDATE</b>	Balance £548.65. £30 has paid in for stalls, and the loan has been paid out (so it is to come in).
<b>EVENTS (including Fundraising)</b>	Stalls PC Stall – Zia, Bede, Malcolm, Maggie and Claire McB (Guess the Bear's Birthday/Age, Sweetie Cones (Ross), Prints (Zia) and help with Tombola) Zoe Facepainting – Ross (Cost of £90, £2 per facepaint on day) Made from the Heart – Leona (to pay £15 on the day) Wreaths and Bracelets booked by Nikki Coulter – Leona (to pay £15 on the day) Homemade Gnomes, tumblers, paper crafts by Audrey Sandilands – Leona (Paid) Belle et Beau – Leona (Paid) Pocket Money Toys by Mrs Langland – Malcolm (Paid) Wicked Desserts and Wicked Blooms by Karrie Routledge – Ross (to be confirmed via email) Plus stalls arranged by school.  Stalls not available but consider next year Wax Melts, Massage and Nails by Jennifer Bell – Ross (unavailable on that date) Hats, Scarves, Silk Brocade bags, purses and Stockings by Denise Mc – Leona Optimal Events Hire by Safrina Bowman – Will cost. Consider for next year.  Raffle Prizes Confirmed Aim to pick all Raffle Prizes up by Mon 02Dec2024. Focus is now on collecting prizes and selling tickets. Bede handed Raffle books to school HAB Architects – Bede (£100 donation received to pay for Butcher, Nikki's beauty Spot, Flagstick) Stewarts Accountants – Claire (£20 donation received) Flagstick – Bede (£35 Voucher to be collected) Butcher – Bede (£35 Voucher to be collected) Nikki's Beauty Spot – Leona (£30 Voucher to be collected) Hamper – Leona (Cost of £80 last year) Celtic Tour – Martin (Tour for 4x people - Printed) Edinburgh Zoo – Leona (2x Adults, 3x Kids pass – Printed) Assured Cars – Leona (2x £50 Amazon vouchers and hamper handed into school. Assured cars will try and attend the

Fayre but have requested pictures).  
 Northfield Stables – Claire (value tbc)  
 Chocolate Creations by Chloe – Angela (Chocolates)  
 Pocket Money Toys – Malcolm (tbc)  
 Suzanne McIvor – Claire (Hairdressing)  
 Connell's – Claire (2x Mega Breakfast =£14, 1x 2lb Steak Pie (24hours notice required) = £24, Voucher to be made)  
 Hot Stuff Café – Claire (1x breakfast w/ tea or coffee, Voucher to be made with name and date)  
 Pet shop - Claire (One bottle or similar to be collected)  
 Greenburn Golf Club – Bede (2hours Trackman studio for 4 people)  
 Lesley at the Hub – Claire (Prize tbc)  
 Sally at Eastfield – Claire (Prizes tbc – Pick up Tomorrow)  
 Nice and Spicy - Maggie  
 Chinese (Wonderfood or Ocean City) - Maggie  
 Barbers – Maggie  
 Easy Burger – Ross (£20 gift Voucher)  
 Commercial Inn – Ross (tbc)  
 Tesco – Anglea (Email received – will make donation)  
 Boots – Angela (Headed paper required but said they will donate)  
 Morrisons – Angela (3x bottles of wine)

Raffle Prizes awaiting response  
 Golden Fry Chippy – Claire (Manager to respond)  
 Ibrox Tour – Martin (Awaiting Response)  
 Deep Sea World – Leona  
 Dynamic Earth - Leona  
 Semi-Chem – Angela (emailed Head office and more information provided when asked via email)  
 Greggs – Angela (emailed Head office)  
 Townsley Hairdressers – Ross (Tried to call, no answer)  
 Partnership Centre – Ross (Nobody available due to cover staff. Didn't know email. Will try again tomorrow)  
 Scotmid – Ross (Will try again)

Raffle Prizes not to be asked again  
 Hot Flame  
 1962  
 Innoflate  
 5 Sister's zoo – Required headed letter from school to be entered into monthly raffle ([enquiries@fivesisterszoo.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@fivesisterszoo.co.uk)).  
 Raise at next meeting.

Raffle Prizes to Ask  
 Asda – Angela (Best trying with headed paper)  
 Dobbies – Angela  
 Hive Soft Play – Angela  
 Almond Valley Farm - Angela  
 Turkish Barber – Claire (Tried but was busy, will try again)  
 Sainsbury's - Angela

Claire's put posters up around the village.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

School Crossing: there is no bank staff. PC to write to Head of Education. Leona also discussed the sell out event by St John's. Leona also discussed the Risk Factory, for P7s. Gala Day voting in Partnership Centre.

**ACTIONS TO COMPLETE**

N/A

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING(1)**

Tues 11Mar2025 at 18.30

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING(2)**

Thurs 08May2025 at 18.30

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING(3)**

TBC if required

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING(4)**