

Falla Hill Primary School Parent Council Minutes

Tuesday 11 March 2025

1830

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HEADTEACHER	Martin McCusker
OTHER TEACHERS	N/A
COUNCIL MEMBERS	Samantha, Ryan, Ross, Leona, Malcolm, Claire Ma, Rhona, Natalie, Angela
GUESTS	N/A

WELCOME/OPENING COMMENTS	Welcome to everyone.
APOLOGIES	Claire McB, Zia, Maggie, Bede.
PREVIOUS MINUTES	Agreed.
CORRESPONDENCE and SOCIAL MEDIA	School Crossings – RG has exchanged emails with WLC staff. Awaiting a response to previous email. School are going to look at project based learning around road safety. The Harthill Road is a high risk due to the speed of cars going to/from national speed limit zone and park cars during school times. Connect Training – Times and activities shared in Whatsapp group.
ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	N/A
HEADTEACHER'S REPORT	192 pupils + 24 nursery. Next year approximately the same. Ethos survey results are positive so far. 30 responses from values and aims questionnaire. School communication – West Lothian survey shows FHPS is above average. Track 3 Data – Attainment has risen. 0.75% increase in attendance since Christmas. Falla the Fox has been a positive influence. P5-P7 working on Planets and communication across West Lothian cluster. Work will be showcased on Parents Nights. P6 have been to Science centre today. Successful in extracting most DNA from the fruit. P1s have visited Dean's PS. 2025-2026 – Project based learning around age of building. Part of it is 50 years old and other part is 100 years old. Alumni to visit and meet with Pupil Leadership Group. Swimming lessons next year are being looked at. Finance – School fund approx. £6500 available. £4000 committed above that. Robertson trust applied for funding for equipment for show (Frozen). No internal works on-going currently. Events – Joke competition (P6 winners), World book day competition, eSTEAM showcase, Health week (P4-P7 in swimming pool with inflatables), fundraiser being arranged by senior primary groups, Big Breakfast, Parent consultations coming up, Gardening club starting with 4 staff, April – P7s are going to make lunch for community stakeholders. Suggestions to Samantha. Absolute maximum of 24 attendees. Parent Council will support with request to Lenseat for funding for Seedlings, plants, compost etc.
FINANCIAL UPDATE	£1502.61 in the clear after paying P7 Hoodies. P7 hoodies were cheaper than last year and supported a Local business.
EVENTS (including Fundraising)	Christmas Fair success (£1625.80) and thanks – Assured cars want to be involved next year. Big Breakfast – Successful and helped raise profile of Parent Council. Easter Treat – Bulk buy from Amazon? Morrisons, Bathgate Tesco, Scotmid. £1.20 per egg maximum. Handed into Office 01Apr2025 at least. Gala Day costumes – Gala day float (Ryan). Theme to be asked to pupil Leadership group and specific theme to PC group by 01Apr2015 and give the offer of picking alternative options. Fund raiser for P7 camp – Funding not required for this as supplies are in excess at this point.
ANY OTHER BUSINESS	Grant applications – Using correct terminology, wording and discussing impact. Many grant applications have been applied for. Focus to increase on this. Parent council can look into too. Space for development at North of school perimeter – Today's meeting has been cancelled. Next meeting to be announced. Group Naming – May have to remain as 'Parent Council'. Consider that name may be intimidating and not inclusive to important people within young learners lives that would be an asset to the group. Fundraising activity – 30 th Aug? Consider different ideas and venues. Students/Children to be involved. Tickets to be on sale to the local community. Decisions on Nurseries has been made official by WLC. Hours will remain the same at Falla Hill nursery.

ACTIONS TO COMPLETE	Request to Levenseat for funding – Ross/Bede List of available funding – Ross/Bede Suggestions for P7 lunch to Samantha – All Easter Treat ideas – All Email for Easter treat to Scotmid/Tesco - Ross
DATE OF NEXT MEETING(1)	Thurs 08May2025 at 18.30
DATE OF NEXT MEETING(2)	TBC if required
DATE OF NEXT MEETING(3)	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING(4)	