

Falla Hill Primary School Parent Council Minutes

Thursday 08May2025

1830

Falla Hill Primary School

HEADTEACHER	Martin McCusker
OTHER TEACHERS	None
COUNCIL MEMBERS	Ross, Malcolm, Bede
GUESTS	N/A

WELCOME/OPENING COMMENTS	Ross welcomed those present
APOLOGIES	Claire M, Natalie, Rhona, Zia, Maggie, Leona, Angela, Samantha, Ryan, Claire Mc
PREVIOUS MINUTES	Approved
CORRESPONDENCE and SOCIAL MEDIA	<p>Road safety investigation has not been completed. Social Media Facebook posts still coming bit by bit.</p> <p>Discussion around the new PVG law and the forthcoming guidance from West Lothian Council: Bede wrote to Greg Welsh asking for an explanation though his response was noncommittal.</p> <p>Ross asked Martin about the cyber-attack and Martin explained that work is continuing and there is a limited amount of information that is available to share at this stage.</p>
ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	<p>Levenseat funding successful.</p> <p>Ross looked at a list of funding: Kieran's Trust; Robotical.io; National Lottery; Digital Extra; Children in Need; Ford Britain Trust; Institute of Engineering and Technology.</p> <p>P7 Lunch: 15 community members attended, Children asked about the four capacities. Children prepared all the food, discussion was rich and student-led.</p> <p>Scotmid provided vouchers to the request for easter eggs, they need to be used for something TBD.</p>
HEADTEACHER'S REPORT	<p>School Improvement Plan: Questionnaire to Parents/Carers to follow for input on the three targeted areas for next academic year.</p> <p>Literacy is the highest it has been in seven years. Three children off 'most' of our children at Falla Hill achieving targets around literacy. Budget is put behind this.</p> <p>Wellbeing: are children ready to learn. Ethos survey results strong and in general stronger than WL averages. 90% say school is enjoyable.</p> <p>Feedback around strategy: hard for parents to be engaged with this as they don't have the data which staff have. Raising attainment focus always needed, the angle next year could be on metaskills (curiosity, critical thinking etc). Martin asked the PC whether this could be something that parents could more meaningfully engage with.</p> <p>Budgets are tight: there will be less teachers in the building next year. Two teaching staff will be on maternity and will return in year.</p> <p>Martin circulated a school events list: things are busy.</p> <p>It is anticipated there will be one composite class next academic year.</p> <p>P1-3 Nativity will happen as usual, it can't be expanded.</p> <p>£10K in School Fund, £1K of that is from Kellogg's, £500 another grant. £2K committed. Leaving a balance of circa £7K.</p>
FINANCIAL UPDATE	To follow.
EVENTS (including Fundraising)	<p>Forward events challenging to plan for on edge of PVG law.</p> <p>Float for Gala day not going ahead. Possibly next year.</p> <p>Provisional idea of fundraising event in August cancelled. Malcolm suggested a money snake.</p>
ANY OTHER BUSINESS	None.

ACTIONS TO COMPLETE	<p>Ross to send list of funders to Martin</p> <p>New P1 welcome Wednesday 4 June at 2.15pm, Bede to attend.</p> <p>Carry forward decision on money snake.</p>
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DATE OF NEXT MEETING(1)	Thursday 19 June will be an extraordinary meeting to discuss the new PVG guidance.
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DATE OF NEXT MEETING(2)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING(3)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING(4)

Thursday 28 August will be the first meeting of the new year, and possible the AGM if enough are PVG'd.