

Minutes of Wallace Hall
2-18 Parent Council Meeting
Monday 5th February 2024
7pm via Google Meet

Present: Emily McClennan (Chair), Jane Valentine (Treasurer), Sharon Young, Maria Navarro de Sepúlveda, Alice Stilgoe, Calvin Ruysen, Barry Graham, John Blair, Euan Mack, Judi Park, Sarah McDiarmid, Jillian Maxwell Caroline O'Hara, Claire Ingram, Mark Ingram, Kerry Fry, Janis Gray, Lynn Smith, Judith Park

Item	Details	Action
1	<p>Welcome and Apologies Apologies: Laura Keenan, Leah Belford</p>	
2	<p>Approval of previous minutes Previous minutes were approved by Maria and Barry</p>	
3	<p>Matters arising Barry and Calvin have agreed to meet on 15 February to have an initial discussion about fundraising targets and projects of interest for the school.</p>	
4	<p>Correspondence Nil</p>	
5	<p>Judi Park, Nursery Manager – ELC Inspections Feedback We received really good grades having scored 5 out of 6 (equivalent to very good) in all four areas including: how good is the care, learning, leadership and staff team. It is almost unheard of for a 6 to be awarded. The results are on the school website. The inspection came unannounced and so the ELC team had little time to prepare. The inspector went through all paperwork and picked a child at random and followed them and the staff through the day. The inspector undertakes a risk assessment and takes feedback from parents. It was noted by members of the PC that it is a good opportunity to see where we are going in the ELC, and that Judi and the ELC team had done an amazing job!.</p> <p>The inspectors report on the primary school will be received around Easter. This will be shared on receipt. It was noted that the school is very positive about the anticipated outcomes of the report.</p>	

<p>6</p>	<p>Sub-committee reports</p> <p>Fundraising Christmas went well for the primary and ELC with presents and parties delivered, and over £200 raised.</p> <p>The PC will next help the library committee and facilitate a library fundraising event.</p> <p>Learning and teaching Have not yet met</p> <p>Travel planning and safety The travel plan has been updated and sent to Barry for approval and comments before it is put on the school website.</p> <p>On road maintenance there is still no update on timescales. Jane has emailed the Roads Department again last week trying to get some idea but the point of contact ignores the emails. The Community Council are also chasing, which will hopefully help.</p> <p>Barry invited Jane to meet with the primary house captains and the primary traffic safety reps last week. They have some concerns about their new school crossing which included children being afraid of the speed of approaching vehicles, lack of a school crossing patrol, icy roads during bad weather as the crossing area is not gritted. Jane intends to write to Mark Adams to relay these concerns and enquire about other items discussed with Mark i.e. school crossing signs and red traffic bands on the road to advise on the reduction of speed and to consider moving to a 20mph zone. A door drop to residents was discussed to make residents aware of the new crossing.</p> <p>The council have complete two main things – the signs are clearer and the roundals are in. We are told the contractors had been booked but delays and work not being done comes down to the council’s budget.</p> <p>It was noted that some work traffic signs and temporary lights have appeared near the crossing.</p>	<p>If no response is received with a week or so, a meeting is required with the school to agree how we escalate this issue. Suggestions of writing further up the chain, contacting local councillors / MP’s or getting a local newspaper involved should be discussed.</p> <p>Jane will pop up to see what’s going on and if any concerns will include these in correspondence to Mark.</p>
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7	<p>Treasurer's report Our current balances are:</p> <p>Primary £885 Academy £1,234</p> <p>These amounts include our local authority PC allowance of £271 which we received on the 4th December. This has been split between the Primary & Academy.</p> <p>£220 has been raised from primary classroom fundraising on post card sales.</p>	
8	<p>Head Teacher's report ELC Very positive time. Fourteen new students have joined and it feels busier. They are looking at uniforms – green tops - and are proud to wear it. There will be an open event for enrolment next year which should positively increase numbers.</p> <p>Primary A positive inspection. They have been involved in Burns celebrations through poetry, songs and artwork. P4s went to Ellisland Farm.</p> <p>Secondary Students are taking part in 1,400 prelims. The results should be out in a few weeks. Forty eight students from S1 and S2 have attended a ski trip to Italy and are now receiving emails from students in other countries. P7 have been involved in a Dragons Den which was very successful.</p>	
9	<p>Parent Council Bid Request John Blair shared a bid to the PC made by the English and Art departments for £500 to support the visit of a comic artist, Paul McClaire, to raise the profile of equality within the school by producing displays with students. The PC voted in favour of this. It was noted that the PC should seek to support teachers' requests when they arise and where it is possible to do so.</p>	
10	<p>Calvin Ruysen – Parent's Evening Feedback There was insufficient time to cover this</p>	To be covered in the next PC Meeting
11	<p>AOCB Nil</p>	
12	<p>Date of next meeting The next PC meeting will be 22 April</p>	