

**Minutes of Wallace Hall  
2-18 Parent Council Meeting  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
7pm via Teams**

**Present: Louise Cochran (Chair), Katrina Galligan (Secretary), Barry Graham, Jane Valentine, Caroline O'Hara & Laura Keenan**

Item		Action
1	<p>Apologies: Charlene Henderson, Kerry Fry, Laura Weir, Melanie Halliday Euan Mack, Ann Andreasen, Lynne Maxwell, Anna Meredith, Jillian Maxwell, Sharon Young, Claire Ingram, Mark Ingram, Lynn Smith, Maria Navarro de Sepulveda, Katharine Ellicott, Edward Smith &amp; Olivia Andreasen</p> <p>Welcome – LC welcomed everyone to the meeting</p>	
2	<p>Approval of the Minutes from last meeting Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct – Minutes approved and agreed as correct. Approved by COH &amp; seconded JV</p>	
3	<p>A) No takers due to low numbers. B) No takers due to low numbers Notice re: Sub-Committees advertising for new members to be resent to Finlay for FB &amp; Office for publishing in the Thursday letter C) LC went to Community Council meeting and we can get funding from them and the best way is match funding – part from Community Council and perhaps Windfarm Money. Also could approach other community councils in the area as it is for pupils and not all pupils come from Thornhill. Microgrants. Ward Officer Fiona Daubney is looking into it. They have asked for costings which Tony Topping is helping with and a survey is needed. December 2021 for a site visit before quotation can be issued. Thinking around £4K-£5k per sign 2 at Drumlanrig St and 2 at Station Road. £1200 for 2 lights fitted by the Council. Figure out what kind of lights and we have a supplier website to look at. Fiona will help with funding applications. Letter of support from Police and Thornhill Community Council required. Survey from Primary and Secondary students' which ES is doing. Survey will help with both funding application and drawing up of School Travel Plan.</p>	<b>KG</b>
4	<p>Mark &amp; Claire Ingram would like to be members of Parent Council</p>	

	<p>LK Proposes JV Seconded</p> <p>KG Emailed round an email from John Thin No Comments on this</p>	
5	<p>a) No report</p> <p>B) Halloween Sweets raised £237.67</p> <p>C) No report</p> <p>D) Meeting to be arranged soon, perhaps going to be in a Local Thornhill Café. LC to arrange date and venue for next meeting.</p>	<b>LC</b>
6	<p>OA &amp; ES were unable to make meeting</p>	
7	<p>Primary - £2143.58 Secondary - £1352 – some pledges still to come out</p> <p>Modern Languages funding bid – £160 for Spanish Digital Learning Platform Approved</p> <p>JV Spoke to Vanessa Morris about PC Allowance This year's allowance has been passed for payment and should be with PC Account shortly £250 + 20p per pupil - £158 which is Connect Insurance and Training budget – £234.20 for 21/22 Agreed in Principal 20/21 – Around £438 19/20 Considering this but will let us know unsure of amount</p> <p>Signatory change is difficult – JV cannot do anything as her name isn't on anything CC needs to be JV on the list and then JC can complete process.</p>	<b>JV</b>
8	<p>LC Phoned Larann Foss Update about how PC were unhappy with the situation and the delay Taking so much longer than initially expected Tender is done through Property Dept, but they are understaffed due to staff retirements, which is putting pressure on workload and causing delays in work getting carried out. They now have agency workers in place and the surveys have gone to them to sort out tender. There should be no hold up in surveys due to weather conditions.</p> <p>Waiting on Surveys – Once Tender is live, he will let us know.</p> <p>After phone call, Larann Foss was back in contact looking for photographic evidence of water-logged pitches, to be in sometime this month. LC supplied Larann with photos she had. LC contacted Euan Mack, DHT/PE Department and he has passed it on to PE Department who are looking for photos or any evidence they may have.</p> <p>With hopefully everything going through, work on fixing first group of school pitches should hopefully begin next Summer.</p>	
9	<p>Report from BG Head Teacher See Appendix 1</p>	

10	<p>Data Protection Policy – Approved          Privacy Policy - Approved          Copies to be sent to all PC members, including Sub-Committee members who are not PC Members.          MS Form of Data Protection Policy link to be sent to everyone and forwarded to sub-committee members to be signed by everyone.</p>	<b>KG</b>
11	BG to arrange someone to talk to PC at Next meeting	<b>BG</b>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Dates of Future Meetings</p> <p style="text-align: center;">13th December 2021          24th January 2022          14th March 2022          9th May 2022          13th June 2022</p>	

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## Appendix 1

### Head Teacher's Report for the Parent Council –November 2021

#### ELC News:

- **COP26/sustainability:** We have been discussing COP26 with the ELC this week, looking at how we can make more changes to look after our planet. The ELC are working with Ms Lyttle and a Primary class on the crisp packet project, and we are hoping to set up a box at the front of the ELC for families to donate any crisp packets they have at home. These are then sent off to be made in to blankets for the homeless.
- **Woods:** We made a return to the woods this week and the children have enjoyed being in different surroundings again. The woods offer so many opportunities to use fine and gross motor skills, as well as sensory exploration and imaginative play. We have enjoyed the ability to climb trees and identify woodland creatures!
- **Halloween:** The ELC used the first week back at term to celebrate Halloween! All week the room was themed with Autumnal objects, games, and materials that the children made their own creations with. On Monday 1st November we had our Halloween party. Everyone had such a great time, and the children really enjoyed the use of the gym hall! The boys and girls in the ELC would also like to say a big thank you to the parent council for their glow sticks! We had so much fun with these looking at all the different colours and effects when the lights were on and off.

#### Primary News:

- The children recently enjoyed a range of Halloween activities in their own classes to celebrate our return to school for term two. These included QR coded Halloween activities on the iPads in P4, making chocolate graveyards in P6, Yayoi Kusama themed pumpkin art in P7 and P5. Also making 3D cobwebs and setting up an exploding pumpkin science experiment in P7GJ. Furthermore, both P7 classes also joined together on the Friday afternoon to have a Halloween themed party with activities of their choice in their classroom. Many thanks to the Parent Council for organising and selling sweetie cones across the school as a fundraising venture too. Great fun was had by all.
- As Covid currently prevents specific groups taking place this year, each class has taken on an area of larger responsibility instead. Primary 5 pupils are responsible for eco duties and are working with the secondary eco group to develop recycling across the campus. Primary 6 has taken on litter picking duties in the primary playground. Primary six pupils are also responsible for wider achievement and are currently collecting leaf pledges from the other classes in school which detail a personal promise to make one change to help the environment. Primary 7 continue to develop their own digital learner skills to create and distribute our weekly sway with a range of stakeholders.
- As part of weekly assemblies, we are all learning about the COP26 conference and a school tree is being made to share COP26 information on and our pledges to the environment.
- It is busy, busy, busy already as we gear up towards our forthcoming Christmas celebrations soon.

**Secondary News:**

- Leah Belford, Biology Teacher and a member of our Eco Committee, has launched our Fuel Change Climate Change Education programme. Leah has made videos of our pupils in action on the project and these were broadcast at the COP26 event - Creating a carbon-neutral Scotland for the next generation – designed by the next generation (Fuel Change) - on Friday.
- Our Career Mentoring programme is in full swing with our senior pupils meeting on a monthly basis to support next steps. Mock interviews will take place in December.
- We are delighted that sporting fixtures are continuing to go ahead and some of our S4 rugby players have now completed the World Rugby-Rugby ready course through core PE with the help of coaches from Dumfries Saints RFC.

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