

**Minutes of Wallace Hall
2-18 Parent Council Meeting
Thursday, 29th October 2020
7pm via Teams**

Present: Grahame Arrowsmith, Louise Cochran (Chair), Christine Carson (Treasurer), Kirsty Colchester, Barry Graham, Melanie Halliday, Cathy Mackenzie, Euan Mack, Jillian Maxwell, Lynne Maxwell and Caroline O'Hara (Vice-Chair),

Item		Action
1	<p>Apologies: Ann Andreasen, Charlene Henderson, Kerry Fry, Carol Hamilton, Anna Meredith and Sharon Young.</p> <p>Welcome – LC welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Approval of the Minutes from last meeting Thursday 29th October 2020 – Minutes approved and agreed as correct. Approved by C O'H, Seconded by JM. LC thanked JM for doing September Minutes.</p>	
3	<p>Matters arising - none</p>	
4	<p>Bring your own device to school – Mr Arrowsmith provided an update regarding this. IM&T was used successfully by pupils during lockdown and Satchel 1 for S1 –S3 and Teams for Senior pupils is continuing to be used. School Wi-Fi is on allowing pupils to use their own devices in addition to school desktops.</p> <p>The ICT policy is currently being updated and will be circulated to the Senior Management Team, PPC, staff and parents for comments. The policy encourages the use of ICT from a teaching perspective and developing pupil and staff skills. There are sections on responsibilities, misuse, security in addition to further information on GDPR and on line abuse.</p>	<p>GA to send draft policy to PC and feed back on 07/12/20</p>

5	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D&G PC Forum Meeting – currently no rep from WH. Next meeting held via zoom on 18th November 2020. No volunteers. • Connect Scotland/National Parent Forum – guidance on GDPR with respect to holding meetings via Teams. Non parent council members and guests email addresses will not be held and will be deleted following the Teams meeting. • Photocopying for PC can be done at the school – please contact JM or another member of admin staff. • LC shared the Thank you letter from CMack Depute HC Primary regarding the microphones and webcams recently purchased by the PC. 	
6	<p><u>Sub Committee Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Primary Fundraising</u> – Selling Halloween Sweetie cones this week. CMack & JM meeting next week to discuss Christmas Crafts. • <u>Secondary Fundraising</u> – no report. • <u>Christmas Market</u> – will not be held this year. • <u>Learning & Teaching</u> – work ongoing regarding Positive Behaviour policy. Working group being set up to look at Anti- bullying policy. • <u>Communication & Development</u> – no report. <p><u>Funding Bids</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JM requested £20 per Primary Teacher/class for Christmas crafts – agreed. £300 for Christmas parties and presents – agreed £50 - 60 per class for each teacher for materials – agreed • CMack requested £110 for the “Out of the Ark” on line music and signing resource – agreed. ICT Development through “Purple Mash” accessible across ELC and Primary. Request was for the PC to match fund. Programme is a three year subscription with payment over two years. Request for PC to fund £405 in year one and £480 in year two – agreed. Request for £85 for badges for P6 & P7 pupils to identify their responsibilities eg maths wizard. Discussion took place regarding the merits of this and alternative options for funding were suggested eg in house enterprise or a board raising the pupils profile in a central location. CMack to have further discussion with teaching staff and pupils. Request declined. 	
7	<p><u>Pitches Update</u></p> <p>LC chasing this up, as still no reply from Mark Baillie. BG provided a background summary for those not aware of the drainage / pitch problem.</p>	LC
8	<p><u>Treasurers Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC Allowance – still waiting for clarity on position. CC chasing up. • Forms for bidding/funding applications. All agreed it was useful to have a standard format. CC & BG to discuss the need for setting parameters regarding amounts of bids. BG to hand out at the next Senior Management Meeting • Box now available in school office for receipts, cheques etc for PC. 	CC CC/ BG

9	<p><u>Headteachers Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents Evening discussed at Head Teachers Meeting. There will be no parents evenings held where parents are in school buildings. BG awaiting further advice and guidance from the Director of Education. Many different approaches to this, CO'H representing the Academy and LM representing the Primary volunteered to work with BG on this. • BG provided an update regarding staff changes within the Academy and Primary. • P7 Library Group are actively looking at how to develop reading culture across the school and better use of the library. • Outdoor Learning continues with the Primary holding a European Sports Day last term. The polytunnels are in regular use. • Microphones and Cameras purchased by PC are being well used including assisting with assemblies. • Big Maths and Times Table Rockstars are raising attainment. • Ongoing work on updating several policies including anti- bullying and Positive behaviour. • There will be no exams for NAT 5's. Currently teachers are working on how these will be assessed. • Oran Murray received the Dux prize following success with six Highers at A grade and three Advanced Highers at A. • Ella Jordan and Georgina Hall secured £500 for their successful video on sheep worrying. • ELC – using Home Achievement Boards. 	
10.	<p><u>AOCB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The frequency of meetings was raised. The vacant secretary post has hindered communication and we currently rely on the goodwill of people to carry out any admin tasks. Following discussion it was agreed this should remain at two per term. <p style="text-align: center;"> The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th December 2020 at 7pm via Teams </p>	