



Airyhall School Parent Council



Meeting – 8 February 2022 Minutes

Chair: Mike and Ruth Crawford

Secretary: Eric Gilligan

Treasurer: Stuart Young

<i>Parent Council (PC) Members Present</i>	Mike Crawford (MC), Stuart Young (SY), Eric Gilligan (EG), Catherine Blackwood (CB), Katie McCafferty, (KM), Melanie Croft (MCr), Emma McPherson (EM); Jacqui McKenzie (JM); Barbara Jones (BJ); Liz Chellingworth (LC); Yvonne Mulholland (YM) (attending via Teams)
<i>Staff Members Present</i>	Donna Polson, HT (DP) Emma Currie (EC), Emma Davidson (ED), Matthew Crowther (MCro)
<i>Aberdeen City Councillors Present</i>	Ian Yuill (IY) (for part of meeting)
<i>Apologies</i>	Ruth Crawford (RC)
<i>Minute-taker</i>	Eric Gilligan (EG) (Secretary)

1	Welcome	The meeting was opened by MC at 6:30pm, who welcomed everybody. The minutes of the previous meeting on 14/12/21 had already been approved.	MC
2	Hazlehead ASG Transitions Teacher	Matthew Crowther, attended to present and explain his role as Hazlehead ASG Transition Teacher supporting transition from the 5 feeder primary schools to Hazlehead Academy or other academies.	MCro
3	Head Teacher's report and discussion	DP gave a report. The school was currently coping with a number of staff absences. With Covid isolation periods school staffing remained challenging across the city. LH and EC had been doing more teaching to provide cover taking them away from normal duties. Updated guidance meant that “bubbles” need not be maintained although they were still not permitted to have large scale pupil assemblies. 14-16 February would be in-service training days with focus on “challenge” and outdoor play. There had been more biking sessions with trips to Adventure Aberdeen for that purpose and a bike check session for P6 at the school. EC provided an update on the work of the pupil groups. The fair-trade group were arranging a trip to the local Co-op for a fair-trade treasure hunt and would present at a pupil assembly. The Pupil Council would be analysing inputs from the suggestion box scheme and looking at issues of positive body image, LGBTQ plus inclusion and neuro- diversity.	DP and EC

		<p>The Eco group was carrying out litter picks and visits to the Slopefield allotment would start again in March.</p> <p>The Junior Road Safety Officers were doing another speed campaign with Police Scotland in April.</p> <p>DP mentioned the work done for languages week which Miss Kay had been heavily involved with. This would be shared when pulled together.</p>	
	Report from Aberdeen Parent Council forum meeting and discussion	<p>MC reported on the latest meeting on 25/2/22. It was noted that some schools within the ASG were struggling to provide the full early years hours of care specified.</p> <p>There had been discussion about school uniform but little support for doing away with it.</p> <p>It was noted that the Aberdeen Parent Council Forum was looking for new office bearers including chair, treasurer and a slot on the Educational Operational Delivery Committee. MC could provide more information to anyone interested.</p>	MC
4	Road Safety	<p>EG noted that the Secretary of the Springfield Den Residents' Association (covering the Macaulay development) had written to all 4 ward councillors in November 2021 regarding road safety issues in connection with the junction of Macaulay Drive and Countesswells Road but only Councillor Martin Greig had responded and he explained why the Council's road officers were not minded to take any action on the matter of parking near the junction.</p> <p>It was thought that the issue previously noted may have improve slightly but a watching brief would be maintained, and it was noted that any serious incident could be directly reported to the police non-emergency service.</p>	EG MC
5	School Meal Provision	<p>DP had not received any response to her inquiry about the availability of bread as advertised in the menu, but it was noted that this reference had been omitted from the latest published menu.</p>	DP
6	Treetops Development	<p>MC noted that the relevant Council planning meeting was not due to be before March and MC was keeping a watching brief.</p>	MC
7	Parent /Carer training opportunities	<p>A survey had been conducted about subjects in which there was interest and issues of sleep workshops and mindfulness /emotion work regulation emerged. The training would be provided virtually.</p> <p>DP noted that individual referrals were also possible with the focus being on early years intervention.</p> <p>DP also noted that a financial inclusion team was also in existence which could help parents with access to benefits.</p> <p>A question was raised re possible Parent Council financial support for training with Dyslexia support being a topic thought to have interest. It was noted that it would be worth ascertaining what the new</p>	SY

		Family Learning service could offer before committing to Parent Council support for external training.	
8	Parent Question: Guidance on child safety	<p>This has been raised by a parent and DP stated that the school could give no general guidance on issues such as when it was safe for children to walk to and from school, the position being very much dependent on individual circumstances.</p> <p>In relation to “Stranger Danger” issues DP was checking up to date resources which were available, but a new approach called “Clever Never Goes” was being reviewed and may be utilised.</p>	DP
9	Accounts	<p>SY had confirmed that the PC funds stood at £1365.50.</p> <p>MC confirmed that written guidance on what Parent Council monies could be spent on had been identified and this would be made available</p>	SY
10	AOB and future meetings	The next meeting would be 22 March 2022 at the usual time of 6:30pm.	MC
11	Meeting Closed	MC closed the meeting at approximately 8:11pm – with thanks to all.	MC