



Airyhall School Parent Council



Meeting – 26 April 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), Catherine Blackwood (CB), Melanie Croft (MC); Liz Chellingsworth (LC); Yvonne Mulholland (YM); Clair Hunter (CH); Emma Davidson (ED) (attending via Teams)
<i>Staff Members Present</i>	Emma Currie (EC) Leigh Houston (LH) Emma Davidson (ED)
<i>Aberdeen City Councillors Present</i>	Ian Yuill (IY) (part-time)
<i>Apologies</i>	Ruth Crawford, Eric Gilligan (EG), Katie McCafferty, Donna Polson (DP)
<i>Minute-taker</i>	Michael Crawford (MC) / Liz Chellingsworth (LC)

1	Welcome	<p>The meeting was opened by MC at 6:30pm, who welcomed everybody.</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting on 8/2/22 had already been approved & this was endorsed.</p>	MC
2	Head Teacher's report and discussion	<p>Shared an update on staffing, including changes in Nursery and an update on DP.</p> <p>Update on Sports Day – theme decided upon by children. Mitigations and plans shared in newsletters.</p> <p>Upcoming In-Service discussed. LH and EC explained that Nursery staff will be reporting and PSA and Teachers working on evaluation and review of the School Improvement Plan.</p> <p>LH shared information regarding the Positive Relationships Policy – more later.</p> <p>EC shared brief feedback on the QA visit that went ahead in the final week of term – highlighting both strengths and areas of development.</p> <p>With mitigations easing, information was shared around the reintroduction of Slopefield, the build of the Goblin car and visits from Reverend Blackwood.</p> <p>Families and face to face assemblies are due to begin this week with great excitement for the 'normality' to resume. Families is an activity we did prior to lockdown. We would mix up all the classes into 14 or so families and work on whole school developments and pupil voice.</p>	EC and LH

		<p>We are going to do this currently by mixing up older and younger classes to do similar activities run by the Pupil Groups. They will then create an assembly to share with the rest of the school and perhaps with parents, if appropriate. Children have been asked for their views re Jubilee celebrations</p>	
3	Pupil Groups Update	<p>Pupil Council Pupil Council have met with Miss Winchester to give ideas for Sports Day. They are going to consult with the rest of the school using families for some further ideas. We think they are going with a Jubilee theme. They are also asking pupils about how they would like to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. They are going to ask for some feedback on the HWB SHINE survey and what we can do to improve our health and wellbeing. We will also be going over the Suggestion Box.</p> <p>Eco Group The Eco Group have entered the It's Your Neighbourhood competition again. They will be rolling out activities in general over the term. Lisa Ross is helping with this. They will also be working on a families activity and assembly. The three topics are Health and Wellbeing, Litter and Climate Change. Children will be working on the garden activities for each class and also carrying out litter picks. We have an aspiration tree that the P7 pupils will be writing aspirations on tags and attaching to the tree. This was donated by the Community Council in the Community Garden at the top by the Astro. We have also put in a tree to celebrate the jubilee and will open this with the Community Council nearer the Jubilee weekend.</p> <p>JRSO The Speed Campaign will go ahead on Wednesday and the police are going to meet some classes with a Road Safety focus. We are going to hopefully finish the Travel Plan also which we hope to share with you soon.</p> <p>Rights Respecting The Rights Respecting Group will hold a 'families' session on the Neurodiversity Umbrella project – funded by the Parent Council. We are working with Dyslexia Outreach next year and this will be added to the SQUIP. The Rights Respecting Group will raise awareness for Dyslexia first and the umbrellas will arrive soon.</p> <p>Fairtrade Saw the end to a successful Fairtrade Fortnight whereby staff from the Co-op were invited in and many activities were created to share with children to spread the message of Fairtrade.</p>	EC and LH
4	Positive Relationships Policy (PRP)	<p>LH shared a presentation that explains the school's Positive Relationships Policy (PRP) and builds on the Compassionate and Connected Communities policy initiative.</p> <p>The material has been presented to parents/carers during various blethers and has also been posted on the website. It covers a range of topics including self-regulation, Emotion Works, supportive strategies and the Airyhall Agreement.</p> <p>There was an observation that not all parents are aware of Emotion Works and the meaning of the colours/cogs. There was a discussion</p>	LH

		<p>about how to disseminate that information more widely using a variety of tools. Suggestions included short videos on SeeSaw and/or pinned to Google Classroom, parent/carer 'homework' in Google Classroom and another reminder in the Newsletter.</p> <p>Post meeting note links to the youtube videos of the Blether presentations are as below:- (139) Emotion Works Blether February 2022 - YouTube (139) Supporting Anxious Feelings Airyhall Blether - YouTube (139) Managing Angry Emotions Blether 10th March - YouTube</p>	
5	Update on PC funding initiatives	<p>The Parent Council covered the costs for the Clever Never Goes project which was deployed last term. EC confirmed there has been good engagement from the pupils and high visibility of posters and other materials around the school which are prompting conversations about Clever Never Goes. There will be opportunities to reinforce the safety message at various points during the current term.</p> <p>The Parent Council has also covered costs for the roll out of the Umbrella Project which celebrates and raises awareness of neurodiversity. Within Aberdeen City, the umbrellas are installed in Shiprow. The umbrellas for the school have not yet arrived but will be displayed in a prominent location.</p>	EC and LH
6	Treasurer's Report	<p>Over the period the Parent Council account has paid out £752 to support the Clever Never Goes campaign and the Umbrella Project. The closing balance of the Parent Council account at the end of the school year is £613.</p> <p>Accounts will be submitted to the council possibly as early as mid-May.</p>	SY
7	Report from Aberdeen Parent Council forum meeting and discussion	<p>MC reported on the latest meeting on 21/2/22.</p> <p>This gave an introduction to the Connected and Compassionate Communities policy initiative, (which LH had covered within her explanation of the Positive Relationships Policy).</p> <p>The APCF were informed of the Shine surveys being carried out to gather data about how young people were feeling (with P6 and P7s). LH offered to share the results of this survey at the next PC meeting (Action – MC to add to agenda).</p> <p>Active Schools will be presenting at the next APCF and this will include the roll out of the role of the new Active Schools Assistants who will be starting in schools 1 day a week during this term. If possible this will be included on the agenda for the next meeting and the Active Schools Coordinator & Assistant invited.</p> <p>It was noted that the 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 ACTION - MC

8	Hutton Institute Development Planning Consultation	<p>Details of this were shared to the PC mailing list between meetings. The planning is at the public consultation stage – i.e. where the developer is soliciting feedback from the public prior to making a formal planning application. The initial stage is for a new access road to be build creating a new junction off Countesswells Road, and further phases will convert parts of the land to housing. Details of the plans and the feedback on the consultation are available at Craigiebuckler-consultation-posters-v4.pdf (hutton.ac.uk) and Craigiebuckler-Consultation-Feedback-Summary.pdf (hutton.ac.uk)</p> <p>MC noted that he had submitted comments asking what consideration would be made of both the impact on (i) road safety due to the new access road, and traffic from additional housing, and (ii) on the school due to additional pupil numbers that further development in the school catchment area would bring. A response was received stating that these issues would be addressed in the formal planning application review.</p>	MC
9	Road Safety	Pupils will be holding a Speed campaign tomorrow (27 th April) and Police will be visiting to support the JRSO (Junior Road Safety Office) campaign.	LH
10	School Meal Provision	<p>New menu has taken on pupil feedback and views expressed that it is proving more popular.</p> <p>Miss Currie addressed pudding with head cook and this should be rectified moving forward.</p>	All
11	Treetops Development	No update. The development will not be discussed until (at the earliest) the planning committee meeting after the next meeting on 26th May and could be some months after that based on the backlog of plans to be presented to the committee.	MC
12	Parent /Carer training opportunities	<p>School is looking at further offers linked to activities and initiatives that are being progressed by the school, e.g. linked to the Umbrella Project and including working with the Dyslexia outreach team.</p> <p>Raising awareness of Emotion Works and the training video created by Mrs Sellami was discussed (as per link above in Section 4). Suggestions on how to raise awareness of this were discussed and it was felt that it would be very valuable for parents to understand this aspect of the school positive relationships policy.</p>	LH
13	AOB and future meetings	Question raised about how pick up / drop off arrangements might change in this or next terms. Current arrangements will be retained through this term and will be reviewed for the new school year. Opinions were expressed that people liked dropping off at the school gate and that this was also popular with children making it easier to separate from parents, although parents would like to be able to use the closest gate in future. Several people expressed opinions that it would be good to get back into the playground at pick up to help re-build the engagement with the school, other parents and teachers.	CB

		<p>There was a request to update the colour coding of new/old topics in the newsletter, in particular stepping away from the colour grey. EC and LH indicated this could easily be updated.</p> <p>Next meeting agreed to be on the 7th June on Teams at the usual time of 18:30</p>	MC
14	Meeting Closed	MC closed the meeting at approximately 8:01pm– with thanks to all.	MC