

Hazlehead Parent Council Minutes

Wednesday 24th November

Google Meet - 7pm

- **Present**
 - Jill Brennan
 - Pamela Morrison
 - Mrs Gordon
 - Mrs Jones
 - Isla Morrison
 - Michelle Flood
 - Mrs Bruce
 - Rebecca Stevens
 - Leigh Bjorkvoll
 - Amanda Copland
 - Lindsay Shepherd
 - Danielle Small
 - Kirsty-Anne McEwan

- **Apologies**
 - Reverend Petrie, Ny Leonard

- **Matters from previous meetings**
 - None

- **School Update/Feedback - Mrs Jones**

In addition to the information available through all school channels Mrs Jones said she'd like to update on mitigations of covid in and around the school.

There has been a relaxation of some aspects, particularly the return of some specialist staff. They are now allowed to visit multiple schools over the course of a week, continuing to use lateral flow tests on a Sunday and Wednesday.

PE will continue outdoors. Pupils should dress appropriately and assume the lessons will continue in all weather.

The school is well ventilated and chilly as a result. Parents are requested to make sure pupils are dressed warmly.

Pupils remain in year group bubbles, there are still no large group gatherings.

Mrs Jones remains positive that we have thus far managed to keep the numbers relatively low and highlighted that November is notoriously bad for colds and flu. She remains positive despite challenges in staffing which people do need to be aware of. The changes of school hours in early learning do put added pressure on staffing. The reality is that we are challenged but with the ongoing support of a strong staff team who continue to remain focussed as well as the great support of parents we are coping well.

There will be no big group concerts this Christmas. The school Christmas lunch, Christmas jumper day and class parties will still go ahead.

Videos of concerts will be made available.

Mrs Jones went on to talk about the school ASG partnership. The current plan focuses on Health and Wellbeing. The staff development courses equip staff in the skills to support the emotional wellbeing of pupils. There is a focus in compassionate classrooms, as well as Mr Crowther being seconded this session to focus on transitions.

There is Scottish funding available which has been used to allow Family Workers in to school to support transitions and Natasha is in P6&7 to work on leadership skills. This is funded by the Scottish Government to reduce the impact of covid.

Zuzana is in school as part of the family learning post. This is a cross generational focus. A variety of courses can be delivered and Zuzana is keen to know what parents would like support with. Some of the available courses are :

1. Developing a Good Sleep Routine
2. I'm a Parent get me out of here! - reflecting differences in parenting and sharing experiences.
3. Understanding emotions between parents and child.

Other course suggestions include cooking and a walk & talk meet. The focus is working together with schools, parents and the local community.

- **Pupil Council Update**

Uniform Site

Michelle is away for the next two weeks and the school will kindly cover her absence. The site will be updated in the next week to reflect new stock.

Fundraising

This year's hamper themes have been shared with pupils and on social media. 6th of December is the deadline for donations. Hampers will be made up on the 8th December and a request for help will go out this week.

There will be no Spree books this year. The move to online vouchers wasn't met with the same enthusiasm as the books had in previous years.

Fundraising ideas are welcome - send in any suggestions!

Jill B shared her thanks with the council for the help from both Michelle with uniform orders and Pamela for her leading of the fundraising team this year. They returned their thanks to Jill for her super leadership of the pupil council and great time management of meetings!

- **Community Update**

Leigh gave an update on behalf of Reverend Petrie from Craigiebuckler Church on the upcoming festival of light on the 5th December from 3-4.30pm. Events will include carols, a treasure hunt and a display of shoebox craft boxes created by children to portray the nativity. See the leaflet for more information.

- **Funding Requests**

1. Reading Books (around 70) for Santa gifts for nursery. These are required by Monday 20th December. *Pamela agreed to research.*

2. Library - £300 was requested by the school to buy books that cannot be sourced through scholastic. Cheque to be written out to the school directly which will be ringfenced. *Jill to action.*

3. Miss Morrison requested a class set of dictionaries - ones that have been suggested cost around £7.99 each and a full class set of 35 was asked for. *Pamela agreed to research.*

4. Party food. Each pupil receives crisps, kit Kat, fruit and haribo.

Parties will be on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th. *Parent Council to provide food on Tuesday 14th December.*

All funding requests were approved.

AOB

Mrs Jones told the group that for the foreseeable future both the library and the gym hall will be out of use. The children are still able to access the library content through the teachers selecting books and bringing them back to class.

Swimming has been mentioned by the city council recently and the hope is that this will begin for P4 this year at some point. Michelle asked Mrs Jones if pupils in P5 who missed this last year will be picked up and Mrs Jones said she had heard nothing to this effect but would enquire on behalf of P5 pupils who cannot swim the required 25m.

Jill asked Mrs Jones if there was a spending plan which could be shared with the PC so that there was a goal for fundraising. Mrs Jones said that she would put forward a funding plan for outdoor learning which would focus on the school grounds, garden and tarpaulin for the storytelling area. This would be in the region of £5000 - £6000 pounds which will be part funded from other sources.

Jill mentioned that a couple of parents had raised question to the quality of the Christmas art project run by the school. She said there was a preference for the quality of the products from the company called "My art project" used a couple of years ago, opposed to the company used this year and last.

Mrs Jones said that the school photographer had been booked for February, This was met with enthusiasm by parents. Sibling photographs may be a possibility - this will be considered closer to the time.

- Date of next meeting **Thursday 20th January 2022** via Google Meet