

# MINUTES

**Woodside Primary Parent Council**  
**Thursday 11th November 2021: 7pm**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**Attending:** , Barry Naismith, Claire Thom, Councillor Nailon, Eileen McKellar, Elaine Renwick, Gareth Thomson, Jaclyn Robertson, Jonny Simpson, Julie Lamont, Kathleen Faloon, Linda Allen, Louise McRobbie, Lucy Colligan, Mark Kay, Sarah McCready, Jennifer Beattie

**Apologies:** Anne Marie Canale, Carol White, Councillor Ross, Elizabeth Fletcher, Lori Thom, Michelle McQuade

**Introduction and Welcome:** Julie welcomed everyone to the meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting 9th September 2021 were approved.

**Items outstanding from previous minutes:** Preloved Uniforms - Jonny had investigated the facebook page that Knowetop P.S. use for distribution of pre loved uniforms. Knowetop P.S. have one member of the parent council who stores it all in her garage - not a possibility for us given the size of the school, the amount of preloved uniform that we have and that the school need access to the uniform stocks to ensure it can be given out to those children who need it. Preloved uniform will be promoted via a letter out to parents from Parent Council and putting it on our facebook page along with photos of the stocks of preloved uniform we currently have. Elaine to send photos to the woodside council email address for Lucy to put on Facebook. Julie to draft a letter to parents - focus on sustainability. Christmas Jumper swap was raised as a possibility - would need to be organised in next couple of weeks - Julie to look at this.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report sent out prior to the meeting. Balance currently £1305.34, with a deficit forecast balance at June 22 based on projected costs from last year with not additional fundraising. However, we have just completed a Christmas card fundraiser and are holding a raffle prior to Christmas.

We haven't paid for a staff Twinkl subscription this year - some staff who use twinkl have purchased their own subscription. Will look in January at funding something that would benefit all children within the school - happy to take suggestions from teachers for next meeting.

**Parent Pay Instructions:** Carol White has liaised with Fiona Mitchell in the school office and is in the process of collating the information and drafting a guide to using parent pay.

**Photographs:** Julie is trying to make contact with Susan from tempest about booking a provisional date for the spring term for photos to be taken. Carry this over to the January meeting.

**Christmas Cards:** 414 packs of cards were ordered giving a profit of £939 minus the parentpay processing fee. Lori Thom has applied for a once yearly matched funding payment of £500 from her work, First Direct. They may be in touch with the school shortly to confirm payment details. A number of parents were contacted after the deadline to obtain payment, confirm order details or to obtain templates for payments made. The majority of these were resolved, unfortunately 8 orders could not be processed as they weren't paid for before the templates were uplifted. Payment by parent pay made the money side of the processing of the templates much easier than dealing with cash payments as has been done in previous years. There were very few orders from upper school and there appeared to be less orders submitted than in previous years - suggested that we go back to designing the Christmas cards in school as some parents, especially of older children, have expressed challenges in encouraging children to complete the Christmas cards at home! Claire to contact Elaine in advance next year and she will speak to teachers about the possibility of the cards being completed in school as an art lesson.

**Raffle:** An online raffle publicised via a letter to parents on parent pay and via the parent council facebook page will take place at end Noyember. Julie to draft letter to parents, Lucy to advertise on Facebook. Raffle to go live on Friday 19th November and will be drawn live on Facebook on Thursday 2nd December. Parent Council Members and parents within the school have donated prizes or obtained donations from businesses within Hamilton.

Prizes: Kokki Voucher, Cadzow Bakehoues gift, Smellies hamper, Afternoon tea for 4 (Rolland Fillings), Gin Tea set, Echo dot and smart bulb, waterproof speaker, Mickey Mouse Kitchen Hamper, mini coffee machine, Switch controller, 2 'Lovely Box' gift boxes, Teepee Sleepover tent for 3, £50 Amazon voucher. Thanks to all those who have donated or sourced donations.

Julie also to draft a letter promoting use of Easyfundraising site as we approach Christmas as Woodside primary are set up as a beneficiary.

### **Headteacher's update:**

- Covid numbers have remained low- some outbreaks as to be expected but appear to be community based rather than school based. This is being closely monitored.
- Normality is slowly returning with more mixing - school year groups now forming bubbles rather than classes, buddy system has been restarted. After school clubs now up and running with funding from the participatory budget - P1 - Art club, P2 - Story book art and drama, P3 - Art Club, P4 - TKD, P5 - Karate, P6/7 - Netball/football. School closely following restrictions to keep children safe. Staggered start/finish times continuing as are split playtimes and lunches.
- Cycling proficiency going well in all weathers ! Thanks to all the parents involved.
- Swimming - starting next week. P6 and 7 doing swimming this year due to government grants - hoping to move swimming to P5's over the next couple of years so that P5 would have swimming, P6 cycling proficiency and P7 a residential trip once we are back to normal.
- Breakfast Club is restarting but is toast and go to limit numbers within the dining hall. Toast and milk or water will be available. One member of staff will be present in the dining hall.

- Reminder that there are no staff on the gates until 8.40am
- School had a traffic management audit last week. Able to highlight all areas of concern to the council, person doing audit came out to assess. School implementing all that they can. She will write up audit and pass to all council departments to ask for any assistance to be given. Will also submit order for yellow lines to be repainted and light on 20 sign at garage to be repaired. Will raise prk and stride suggestion again - which was proposed previously utilising top floor of the multi storey car park. School in contact with community police, traffic warden visits sporadically. Parent has complained to Mercedes garage regarding car delivery times. Cllr Nailon highlighted that parental parking is a huge issue as are complaints of speeding on silvertonhill avenue. She will contact roads department to see if Woodside can get the same road colour treatment that is outside Chatelherault. She also indicated that traffic lights will be going in at the garage end of Johnstone Road. Cllr Nailon also advised that road works would be taking place in Chestnut Crescent and Abercorn Drive for the next 2 weeks.
- Children have been consulted this past week as to what celebrations they would like for Christmas. Each class was consulted and decisions made across each year group.
- P5, 6 & 7 - Festive Fun Day, no party - similar to last year. Obstacle course in the gym hall requested!  
P4 - split between party and fun day but majority decision was for a festive fun day.  
P1-3 - Christmas Parties.  
Aim is to do all the Christmas parties and the fun day on the same day this year - no set date as yet. School will let Parent Council know what we provide to assist - popcorn, sweets, etc
- Online Church service planned with prefilmed nativity this year.

**AOCB:**

- Thank you note from Mrs Farrance for retirement gift has been received.

**Date for next meeting: Thursday 27th January 2022**