

## Abbeyhill Parent Council Meeting

Date: 04 March 2020 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Venue: Abbeyhill Primary School

Minutes By: Charlene Kay



ITEM	DESCRIPTION		ACTION
	<b>PRESENT</b>		
	Simon Preston	PC Chair	SP
	Sally Ketchin	Head Teacher	SK
	Charlene Kay	PC Co-secretary	CK
	Karen Ridgewell	PC Co-secretary	KR
	Illiyana Nedkova	Curator-in-Residence	IN
	Ann Pratt	PC Treasurer	AP
	Heather Rikic	PC Member	HR
	Vlad Hasiu	PC Member	VH
	Olly Paterson	Parent	OP
	Mel Chuprasova	PC Member	MC
	Ruth	Parent	R
	<b>Apologies</b>		
	Keith Martin	Principal Teacher (Nursery)	KM
	James Preston	PC Member	JP
	Janina Costa	Parent	JC
	Dimitra Trivilou	Parent	DT
	Vala Dora	Parent	VD
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Welcome by the Chair</b>	SP welcomed and thanked all for attending.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>The Role of the Parent Council</b>	SP read aloud and we welcomed Ruth to her first PC meeting.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Minutes of last meeting</b>		
<b>3.1</b>	Parent lunch – may happen still, leave on agenda/minutes.		
<b>3.2</b>	Santandar volunteering – SK emailed Billy (P4 parent), still waiting to see if this can be arranged.		SK
<b>3.3</b>	AP and Sian (nursery parent) will look into making/buying an empathy game still.		AP
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Chair's report</b>		
<b>4.1</b>	Burns Supper – 69 people attended, £367 was raised! Thanks to everyone involved in running and cooking for another successful event and to Mrs.		

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	Flowers and other teachers who arranged some brilliant performances and decorations.	
4.2	Thanks to KR who organised a gift for Mr Hamilton (P7).	
4.3	Thanks to all parents and carers who came along to the Abbeyhill Primary School Garden Classroom launch event and to Dave Pratt for designing the logo.	
4.4	Clubs: all running well. P3 football team – 1 <sup>st</sup> two weeks cancelled due to weather but hopefully this Saturday it'll start.	
4.5	Summer party will be Saturday May 30 <sup>th</sup> 12-3pm. KR is organising the let. MC and CK have started planning and will invite other parents and carers to get involved.	KR/MC/CK
5.0	<b>Treasurer's report</b>	
5.1	Calendar money has been banked. We have received £9,460 for the outdoor classroom (National Lottery Awards for All). The Ten Villages funding has not arrived yet.	
6.0	<b>Head teacher's report</b>	
6.1	The coffee morning was a lot of fun and many parents enjoyed it. SK may do another one soon.	
6.2	Thank you for another fantastic Burns Supper!	
6.3	Coronavirus: The City of Edinburgh Council's response and information for schools is ongoing.	
6.4	All schools have had 60% cut to educational supplies so will be encouraging students to supply their own supplies – pencils, pritt sticks, educational books etc. KR asked SK for how much they spend at start of school and suggested we could ask some stationers for donations/discounts.	KR/SK
6.5	CEC made the decision to remove Nursery teachers from Nurseries. The timescale to be confirmed but possibly from August. Impact at Abbeyhill is that we wouldn't have a vacancy for a probationer teacher next year but no impact to permanent staff.	
6.6	Staff absence: Mr Hamilton is still unwell, Mr Forde is able to stay with us until the end of March. Mrs Souness returns from maternity leave on 21 <sup>st</sup> April. Mrs Black is undergoing OH assessment due to her surgery and will be back as soon as possible after that. Miss Wynn is now back full time!	
6.7	Trim trail and janitor's house: House is currently undergoing a bat survey. Delay to building warrant being granted as the 'unsafe building' classification was not shared and it was not made a priority. Isla Munro is going to paint the panels but has been plagued by bad weather!	
6.8	Partnership with the Palace of Holyroodhouse: This is underway with P7 finishing their project based on Leonardo da Vinci's sketches. A shared activity with P2 was started today and P7 will do the 'Leonardo challenge' to complete their project. We have a CAT session in April to tour the new Learning Centre and physic garden with Abbeyhill staff lined up to actively contribute to teaching programmes in development.	

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6.9	Outdoor Classroom: The exciting news has been shared with the school and the kids have started work on the logo competition and their ideas for design.	
6.10	Parent and Carer Literacies sessions: Started on Monday with a reasonable turnout and overall positive feedback from one parent.	
7.0	<b>Curator-in-residence's report</b>	
7.1	IN will contact P7 interim teacher Mr Ford about poetry walk project coming up.	IN
7.2	IN talked to KR about using the soon-to-be painted panels by the janitor's house for display during the Colony of Artists.	IN
7.3	We will be welcoming back artist-in-residence Lottie Kravitz with the Holyrood Palace collaboration. The Busy Bees will be on display for the CoA as usual this year and will hopefully be completed by June this year for display in Sept.	
7.4	Holyrood Park map/app is under production.	
8.0	<b>Books for the school library</b>	
8.1	HR suggested buying more books about inclusion, social justice, race etc. for the school library and others agreed. SK will email HR and Miss Howson about this idea. Maybe parents could sponsor a book or the parent council could help fund these and students/families could check them out and return them.	SK/HR
9.0	<b>Loose parts play petition</b>	
9.1	A parent has raised a petition about the loose parts play regarding concerns about playing on the hard surface. A playground support worker will come in May to refresh PSAs about loose parts play, then they'll teach some of the older kids and it'll be passed on. Parents are welcome too. Hopefully this will reassure any parents who were concerned about safety. SK asked kids in the playground how they'd feel if the loose parts were removed and 100% said it would negatively impact their play.	
9.2	PC members and teachers would rather meetings with SK or others take place if there are any concerns about anything at Abbeyhill Primary and are confident issues can be solved without the need for petitions.	
10.0	<b>PC communication with parents and carers</b>	
10.1	Some concerns have been raised about parent council communication. HR suggested making a year review to put in kids' bags about how much money has been raised and what we've bought with it.	KR/CK
11.0	<b>Outdoor classroom</b>	
11.1	Garden classroom: £9,460 received from lottery funding. Mr Hamilton and Mr Woodhouse, SK, SP and other parents met for a launch meeting last week. Logo has been designed by parent Dave Pratt, the children are putting their ideas in for design of a logo, too. July Kelley – school planning officer specifically for playground was very helpful in meeting with SP and SK. KR (works for Scottish architecture design, Scottish government)	SK/SP/KR

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	sharing lots of information with SP as her expertise is in this area. SP suggested putting together a small group to lead. KR has colleague Lesley who would be able to work with the kids and Mr Hamilton and Mr Woodhouse to work on the design – she could do this Monday March 16. SK mentioned some sort of wrap that allows the grass to grow through. May get a small group together – SP, KR, SK, CK, maybe OP to continue working on this.	
<b>12.0</b>	<b>P7 gift/t-shirt</b>	
<b>12.1</b>	The PC will pay 50% of sweatshirts. Pupils are designing them and the school will get them made.	SK/AP
<b>13.0</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	
<b>13.1</b>	IN brought up Young Start grant application: £30,000 over 3 years, deadline March 31.	IN
<b>13.2</b>	CK brought up playing on grass more of the year. CK to add to next meeting agenda.	CK
<b>13.3</b>	CK brought up idea of Careers Day – SK will get in touch with CK and MC about this.	SK/CK/MC
<b>13.4</b>	HR brought up basketball hoop – needs to be revived. CK to add to next meeting agenda.	CK
<b>13.5</b>	MC gave a brief overview of planning for the summer party – would like to encourage pupils themselves to ask for raffle prizes – SK will pass around flier about it.	MC/SK
<b>14.0</b>	<b>Next meeting date</b>	
<b>14.1</b>	<b>29 April 2020 (postponed), June 17 2020/TBD</b>	