



Abbeyhill Primary School Parent Council Chair Report

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This report covers items that have not been raised as separate agenda items for the meeting.

Thanks from the Chair

Uniform Bank

Thanks to Siân Harris for organising a new unit for the school foyer to hold the uniform bank, setting this up and getting everything up and running. Thanks also to Ann Pratt for labels for each box.

Parent Council Roles - Vacancies and Sustainability

Secretary & Treasurer

The Secretary and Treasurer roles remain vacant. Although some parents had expressed a desire to lend or build the relevant skills through the skills register, they do not currently feel able to take on the roles.

The ongoing gaps in these key roles give us a problem with sustainability of the Parent Council under the current constitution. Currently only members of the Parent Forum are able to hold roles, but nobody in the Forum feels able to take these on. We need to look at changing to the constitution at the AGM in June to allow role holders to be outside the Forum. Non-parent forum role holders could be non-voting members, so that decisions are still made by elected members of the Council, drawn from the Parent Forum.

Fundraising Calendar

Sales of the Abbeyhill Fundraising Calendar were significantly down compared to 2022, which means it's no longer our lead fundraising activity. A survey of the Parent Forum shows positive feeling towards the calendar, with the majority of people who bought it doing so as a memento of the year for their child, or because they find the calendar useful. However, over 20% of respondents said they didn't know about the calendar. Direct selling opportunities at school events were highlighted as a preferred purchasing option. A new project manager for production of the 2024 calendar is needed if we wish to continue with this as a fundraising activity.

Playground Decoration Update

The fencing around the football pitch and nursery garden areas was not replaced over Easter, so the lovely banners donated by the Book Festival have still to be hung. As it is now unlikely that the fencing work will happen ahead of the Summer holidays, we're going to hang the banners as part of the Playground tidy day on 02 June. These will then be safely removed and stored at the end of the Summer term so they can be rehung after fencing work has completed.

Road Safety Banners

Banners designed by parent Dave Pratt are now being painted and will be installed shortly.

Parent Council Dates for 2022/2023

Tuesday 06 June 2023 - AGM followed by standard meeting 18:30 - 20:00

Chair Activities

Edinburgh Parental Involvement Group

There was a meeting of the Locality Group on 08 March. Representatives of the Learning Estate Planning team attended to share information on how they project school roles. The team also offered to support on projects relating to learning environment design, which is also part of their job. We have been in touch to see what support they can give for redesign of the lower playground.