

# PC Members

2022/23

## Chair

Laura McDonald (P1, P3 & P5)

## Vice Chair

Emma White (P3 & P6)

## Secretary

Marie Claire Cairns (P2 & P7)

## Parent Members

Caroline Clucas (P2)

Eman Jihani (P5)

Paul Lassalle (P6)

Linda Lumsden (P4)

Allison Lunan (P7)

Susan Lunan (P2 & P4)

Ryan McAllister (P4 & P7)

Kirsty McEwan (P3 & P4)

Darren Nichol (P5)

Peter Tracy (P3 & P6)

Ana Trindale (P1)

Janine Wodzynska (P2)

## Staff Members

Hannah Young (Acting HT)

Maria McAllister (DHT)

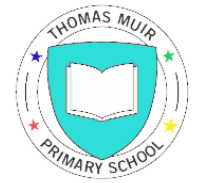
Megan Jones (Acting DHT)

## Affiliated Members

Councillor Gordan Low

Councillor Alan Moir

Councillor Alan Brown



# TMPS Parent Council Newsletter

September 2022

## Welcome

Welcome back to all pupils and staff after the September weekend. This time last year Mrs MacIntosh had taken up her new acting position at EDC education headquarters and we were waiting on news of the new Acting Head Teacher. This month marks a year since Miss Young took up the post of Acting Head Teacher. As a parent council it is great to have had her in post since the beginning of term, and like all TMPS staff, she really values the contribution of families to school life in TMPS.

In this newsletter we would like to share some updates and information about the parent council with you. We wish to take the chance to thank former Parent Council Secretary Peter Tracey for his hard work last session. Peter is remaining as a parent council member but has now passed the baton of secretary onto Marie Claire Cairns. Emma White and Laura McDonald are continuing in their roles as Vice Chair and Chair. We welcome to the parent council new members Paul Lassalle, Ana Trindale and Janine Wodzynska as well as the return of many familiar faces.

## What does the Parent Council do? How can I get involved? How can I share my views?

The Parent Council consists of parents/carers and school staff who meet around once a term. During covid restrictions all our meetings were online, however this year we have voted unanimously to bring the meetings back face to face in the school. Local Councillors are also invited and regularly attend these meetings. Our Acting Headteacher, Miss Young acts as an Advisor to the Parent Council.

Our aim is to support the school in improving the quality and standard of education and welfare for all our pupils. We do this by promoting parental involvement, representing parents' views, and working in partnership with the school.

Our school community at TMPS grows increasingly diverse and we feel this is a real strength in broadening experiences for our children. At TMPS we have 28 different languages spoken by our children! A quarter of the children speak English as an additional language and identify as BAME (Black, Asian or minority ethnicity). To represent the values, priorities and beliefs of all our families it is important the parent council represents families from as wide a range of backgrounds as possible. We are particularly interested in new members representing black, Asian and

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## Upcoming Meetings

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17th November 2022

February 2023

April 2023

June 2023

Meetings are arrival from 5.45pm for tea/coffee with meetings running 6-7pm in TMPS.

Minutes of PC meetings are published on the school website (in the parent info tab) for all parents/carers to view.



minority ethnic families (BAME), but meetings are open to *all* parent/carers and *all* parents you are very welcome to attend. Please get in touch if you would like further information in relation to our meetings.

If attending meetings isn't for you but you have a question, comment, concern, feedback positive or negative that you wish us to highlight on your behalf please do get in touch. The parent council email address is [thomasmuirpc@gmail.com](mailto:thomasmuirpc@gmail.com) and most members are also happy for informal discussion in the playground. Please note that we can only deal with general issues in relation to the running of the school, not matters relating to an individual pupil, which are best dealt with by contacting the class teacher or management representative for your child's school stage.

## Looking back

The last academic year was another very challenging year for school staff, pupils and families. While there were no lockdowns, ongoing covid restrictions still impacted school life. Many typical ways parents may have been involved in school life were restricted.

The final term saw the return of the first face to face parent's night in over two years, a parent showcase event with Rossi Stone, a very well attended sports day and a packed playground on the final day of term cheering on the former Primary 7s as they were piped out of school. Attendance at all these events showed how much parents want to be involved in supporting their children in school.

The parent council offered consultation to the school on various topics including covid measures, school improvement priorities and plans, safer routes to school, home learning, home-school communication, school photographs and parent nights. We also regularly checked the PC email address and responded to any communication from parents/carers to ensure their views were represented in meetings.

## Looking forward

The school are beginning to revisit more opportunities to support families to be involved in school life and our children's learning. Dates to attend your child's class assembly this year have been issued and families were invited in to a meet the teacher event to complete a task with their child in class. The PTA are working hard to arrange events such as school discos and fayres providing more opportunities to support the school as well as fundraising.

We think there is lots to look forward to this year and do encourage you to get in touch if you wish to share your views with us.

TMPS Parent Council

