



## Parent Council AGM– Minutes

**Date:** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Time:** 6.00 – 7.00pm

**Venue:** Thomas Muir Primary School, Base 9

**Apologies** – Allison Lunan, Eman Jihani, Ben Rose (councillor), Peter Tracey, Marie-Claire Cairns, Caroline Clucas, Alan Moir (councillor), M McAllister (DHT), Liz Shepherd, Thomas Moore

**Present** – H Young (HT), M Jones (ADHT), Gordan Low (councillor)

**Parents** – Laura McDonald, Linda Lumsden, Kirsty McEwan, Janine Wodzynska, Darren McNichol, Susan Lunan, Ryan McAllister, Ana Trindade, Emma White

### Minutes:

| Item | Decision/Discussion | Discussion/Action  |
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| 1.   | Welcome/Apologies   | Allison Lunan sent her final apologies as she will no longer have a child at TMPS. She sends her best wishes and we thank her for her contribution to the parent council over many years!  |
| 2.   | Head Teacher Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Staffing:</b></li> <li>• No update on HT post.</li> <li>• DHT Post: Interviews on Monday 11<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Joy Roberts (PT) has accepted secondment to post in EDC developing adult and child numeracy for approx. 12-24 months. Acting PT post advertised, topped up to full time post using Pupil Equity Funding.</li> <li>• 3 probationers leaving &amp; 3 new probationers arriving in August.</li> <li>• 3 maternity leaves upcoming. Supply to cover.</li> <li>• P1 to 2 transition (4 to 3 classes) being carefully planned to take into consideration friendship and learning groups.</li> <li>• <b>End of term plans:</b></li> <li>• P7 leavers assembly, PTA Leavers Disco, silent disco with Donald McDonald. Leavers' hoodies well received as were yearbooks.</li> <li>• P7 Enterprise week very successful. Funds raised purchased new football goals for the pitch plus end of term treats.</li> <li>• Upcoming Shorts and Shades Disco for whole school plus House points presentation and end of year assembly.</li> </ul> |



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|    |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Trim Trail:</b> Weather has been dry which has alleviated safety concerns for the time being. There have been further site visits and plan to re-seed grass at back over summer and replace grass at front with play surface to match the trim trail.</li> <li>• Outdoor classroom first phase begins in August. Funds coming from PTA.</li> </ul>  |
| 3. | Traffic and Parking/Crossing Patrol Vacancy. Vehicle and Bus Idling | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crossing Patrol vacancy at Woodhill has been filled.</li> <li>• Traffic Lights still not switched on at Angus Avenue opposite BA. EDC have said they are awaiting power supply resolution.</li> <li>• Pupils have commented on traffic and parking issues in pupil survey.</li> <li>• St Dominic's Church have raised some issues: School to reinforce that only the bottom car park is available for school use. Verbal abuse has been received by some parishioners.</li> <li>• TROs not yet enforceable at Ochil Road. Signage remains covered. Original order had mistake in timing restrictions which adversely affected residents. Has been corrected and will come into force once change processed.</li> </ul> |
| 4. | Twitter Update – consultation with parents/carers                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 75% of parents reported using Twitter regularly (more than once a week).</li> <li>• 83% said it was a good comms method.</li> <li>• 71% said it should be private.</li> <li>• 90% of those who currently don't allow their children to be on Twitter said they would allow if it was made private.</li> <li>• 1400 followers on Twitter.</li> <li>• Suggestion that Twitter handle of parent/guardian given at beginning of school year.</li> <li>• MJ will proceed to look at making Twitter private and will gather a working group to work out details including criteria for Twitter and put into Digital Policy.</li> </ul>   |
| 5. | Appointment of New Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ana nominated for Chair by Laura, seconded by Linda.</li> <li>• Darren nominated for Vice Chair by Emma and seconded by Ana.</li> <li>• Marie Claire happy to continue as secretary for a second year.</li> </ul>  |
| 6. | Feedback from pupil and parent survey – how good is our school?     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pupils</b></li> <li>• Aim was for honest feedback. P4-7 individual responses collated. P1-3 class responses collated.</li> <li>• Overall very positive feedback. Staff to look at how to share results more widely.</li> <li>• Highlights: Children said they were reading more and had good opportunities to develop digital learning. 95% said they felt safe in school but it was noted that some reported that cars on their routed to and from school made them feel unsafe. 90% said they felt</li> </ul>   |



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|    |  | <p>included and respected at school and knew how to access help for their wellbeing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Parents</b></li><li>• Also positive feedback regarding access to reading literature, uniform agreement.</li><li>• Positive on staff and management team.</li><li>• Communication has improved.</li><li>• Positivity regarding school ethos.</li></ul>   |
| 7. | Feedback from EDC Parent Council Forum | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Darren: March meeting focussed on cost of living – focus on school lunches. Priority is to offer nutritional value for money. £2.43 a meal for Primary £2.53 for secondary. Some meals have changed. EDC awarded Food for Life Bronze award. 84% of lunches freshly prepared.</li></ul>   |
| 8. | AOCB                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Transitions</b></li><li>• From P1-2 – parent commented on enhancing transition for P1s moving from 4 classes into 3 and class reshuffle.</li><li>• Suggested focus on transition from p2-p3 given the style of learning changes from play to learn curriculum to more traditional lessons. Outdoor learning and play on the agenda throughout the year groups and continually reviewed.</li><li>• HY will reinforce staff parking should be in square car park and not drop off zones at upcoming staff meeting.</li></ul> |
| 9. | Date of Next Meetings                  | TBC   |