

Hillhead Primary Parent Council Meeting Notes
Tuesday 22nd May 2012

Agenda item	Action
<p>1. Junior Road Safety Officers</p> <p>1.1. Pupil JRSOs presented their Safe Routes to School Travel plan. There were 160 responses to the recent questionnaire and the children had also been out surveying the drop off zone and other arrival points.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pupils had identified a number of issues they were going to write to Jamie Rodden in Roads about including lengthening the timing of the pedestrian phase on Kelvin Way and lorries coming into Otago Street in the morning. He would be invited for a walk around to look at how things are working one year on. • The Parent Council would write about the bin lorry that picks up the school waste at 0820. • The Parent Council were happy to fund some safety give aways like reflectors and other sources of these type of items could maybe be found for events.
<p>2. Events</p> <p>2.1. Gibson Street Gala (Sunday 17th June 12-6pm) – Julia reported that the event group had met and plans were in place to provide various crafts like salt dough gargoyles and herb nosegays, games, a quiet book and toy corner, facepainting, henna art, nail art and tattoos. Glasgow Museums were coming with a trebuchet and handling armour. There would also be drama, storytelling and school tours. ‘What a knight!’ would be appearing on the community stage at 12.15pm.</p> <p>2.2. Hillhead High School Summer Fete (Saturday 9th June 1-5pm)– facepainting and nail art stall to raise funds.</p> <p>2.3. P1 inductions (7th and 14th June at 10am) – five parents are happy to come along to speak to the new parents. Fairtrade Café parent helpers would also be there.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A further meeting of the events group would be on Thursday 7th June at 7.30pm in the school media suite/library. • More volunteers are needed – asking people to do a specific slot of 2 hours will be taken forward. • Barrie to provide some text to Miss Miller for the next newsletter to publicise the school’s involvement. • To be discussed at the events group. • Volunteers for each date to be arranged. • Paper cups to be used – Andrew Pigeon could be contacted to supply. School to follow up.
<p>3. School uniform</p> <p>3.1. <i>Order for 2012/13</i> – Susie reported that online ordering was now available at the same reduced prices compared to the shop. Orders could be delivered to the school at no cost for pick up in August. There would also be a paper form with set times for return. Quality issues in the polo shirts would continue to be looked at. Fairtrade sweatshirts were being investigated hopefully for next year.</p> <p>3.2. <i>Second hand</i> – the uniform group would like to encourage parents to pass on uniforms that are no longer needed.</p> <p>3.3. <i>Lost property</i> – Amelia had sorted out and washed the lost property – many hats and gloves.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information about this year’s ordering process would soon go out. • Photographs of children from various stages to be taken for the website. • A decision would be taken about the polo shirt manufacturer before Christmas next year. • P7 uniform amnesty to take place on last 3 days of term • Second hand stall to take place on second last day of term • Lost property to go on display along a washing line for pupils and parents one Friday. If not claimed would go into a spare box or recycled. • Lost lunch boxes and clothes to be kept separate.
<p>4. Website</p> <p>It was hoped the website would go live on 7th June. Margaret would update the Parent Council news and others were being trained. Hopefully it would make information about the Parent Council more accessible.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra might be interested in helping keep it updated. • Anyone who would like their name removed from any appearance in the minutes etc to let Margaret/Barrie know at the PC email address.

<p>5. Library and book group A further author visit had taken place. The book group were very grateful for the funding from the Parent Council.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some future funding would continue to be provided by the Parent Council and they would also look to outside funders. • It was suggested that parents could be asked – some may be authors or illustrators. • Alternating days of the week for the events could be considered.
<p>6. School Photographs A parent had asked about whether class photographs could be taken each year. Mr Donaghy explained about the low uptake of these compared to a high volume of individual and family photos.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the moment class photos would continue to be offered every second year, alternating with individual photos. P1 and P7 classes would always have a class photo.
<p>7. School Bell A parent had asked about the recent increase in volume of the school bell. Mr Donaghy explained that children had complained of not hearing the bell in the playground while the volume had been very loud in school. Technicians had altered the setting recently.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that the bell probably was too loud now out in the playground and the technicians would be called again.
<p>8. After school activities Mr Donaghy raised the wish of the school to run more after school activities. Other schools currently have about twice the number of children participating in such activities but Hillhead is very limited due to after school lets.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative accommodation for after school care might need to be looked at in the future in order for the school to fulfil more activities. The main opinion was that if alternative accommodation was near the school this would cause less disruption.
<p>Ongoing items to be followed up at the next meeting -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. Lending books 1.2. Otago gate 1.3. Parking spaces in Otago Street 1.4. Grassy area 1.5. Access through the playground 1.6. Playground 1.7. Climbing wall 1.8. School garden and Eco group 1.9. Toilets 1.10. Using leaf based plates at events 	