

Hillhead Primary Parent Council Meeting Notes
Thursday 29th September 2011

Issue	Action
<p>1. Safe routes to school</p> <p>1.1. <i>Otago gate</i> – A persistent minority of parents are dropping off in Otago Street /West Bank Quadrant. This is contrary to a condition of the planning permission allowing the Otago gate to open. There was concern amongst parents that continued problems would cause permission to be revoked.</p> <p>1.2. <i>School crossing patrols</i> – the patrollers at Cecil Street and Kelvinhaugh primary take very few children across the road now. There was discussion as to how we can influence the roads department to redeploy them to busier sites near the school.</p> <p>1.3. <i>Community placemaking workshop</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school have asked the Community Police to be present at pick up time • The school will send a detailed letter to parents about this issue before the October week break • The school will also investigate identifying the individuals involved • Legal measures to stop unwanted access could be considered • The parent council will draft a leaflet to be handed out to drivers dropping off in the area • It was agreed unanimously that parents would be happy for the existing patrols at Cecil Street and Kelvinhaugh to be moved. Bank St and Otago St were suggested as points where help was required. • Barrie to write to Jamie Rodden our contact in roads re this. • The local residents have invited any interested parents to attend a workshop on Tuesday 25th October. Any parent interested should e-mail the Parent Council address.
<p>2. Playground</p> <p>2.1. There was discussion of safety and use of the playground - the design of the playground was not agreed to by the school. Because of these issues about a third of the playground is not currently usable. Different age groups have been allocated different spaces e.g. P2 and 3 in the courtyard.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school have informed the architect of various problems e.g. mud on the grass hills, the unfenced pond and unsuitable plants. • Providing e.g. Astroturf to cover the hills may be something the parent council could fundraise for. • The football pitch in the park was being used for PE and parent volunteers to help walk children there at lunch would be welcome. This cannot begin on a wider basis until all parents return local trip consent forms. • Recycling bins would be placed in the playground. • The school were going to apply for a council grant for seat benches with planters. • Any parent interested in joining the playground group led by Sylvia should e-mail the Parent Council address.
<p>3. Lunches</p> <p>3.1. <i>Queues</i> – some parents were concerned that there were lengthy queues for lunches.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school assured that a rota system in place where classes are called at individual times should mean no queue longer than 10 minutes. The cashless Q card system soon to be introduced should also speed things up. All children are allowed to remain in the lunch hall for as long as they need to eat.

<p>3.2. <i>Menus</i> – there had been no information about school lunch menus</p> <p>3.3. <i>Children not eating lunches</i></p> <p>3.4. <i>Water</i> – a question was asked about the availability of water.</p> <p>3.5. <i>Sesame allergy</i> – a question was asked as to whether it was still ok to bring food containing sesame to school e.g. houmous. Some nurseries no longer allow this.</p> <p>3.6. <i>Healthy eating bus and cooking clubs</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school would ensure the sample menus go out in schoolbags • A tasting session for parents and children was being organised • Any parent concerned their child is not eating their lunch can ask the school for help in monitoring this • All children have access to the three water fountains to fill up their bottle or use the available cups. Water jugs are also on the table at school lunches. • The school had not received any advice about banning sesame products or been notified of any allergies but any parent with a problem should get in touch. • Kate offered to look into these and report back to the Parent Council. • Any parent interested in joining Ima and Kate in the food group should e-mail the Parent Council address.
<p>4. School uniform</p> <p>4.1. <i>Quality</i> – some parents had reported problems with seams of the polo shirts. These could be taken back to the Trutex shop for an exchange.</p> <p>4.2. <i>School tie</i> – a question was asked about a school tie.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barrie would make sure a question asking for feedback on the uniform was in the next school newsletter and Susie would feed this back to Trutex. • The possibility of a school tie e.g. for upper school or formal occasions only would be discussed at a future point. • Any parent interested in joining the uniform group led by Susie should e-mail the Parent Council address.
<p>5. Events</p> <p>5.1. <i>Parent Council meetings</i></p> <p>5.2. <i>Winter fair</i> - Sarah had offered to organise a fair.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barrie would organise a meetings schedule for the year. The next meeting would be a social event for parents to find out about getting involved in the parent council with stalls by the different groups. • There will be a series of information evenings held by the school for P1 parents soon. • Saturday 26th November was provisionally agreed as the date for a Winter Fair. • Any parent interested in helping Sarah organise this or helping out on a stall should e-mail the Parent Council address.