

Hillhead Primary Parent Council Meeting Notes
14th March 2012

| Agenda item | Action |
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| <p>1. Events</p> <p>1.1. <i>Gibson Street Gala</i> (Sunday 17th June) – Julia reported that planning is continuing. The theme is Princesses and Knights. The Parent Council has been asked to organise activities for younger children in the dining hall. The Mela is also on in Kelvingrove Park on this day.</p> <p>1.2. <i>Hillhead High School Summer Fair</i> – the High School Parent Council have offered us the opportunity to run a fundraising stall.</p> <p>1.3. <i>Summer term event</i> - the possibility of an event in May was discussed.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A separate meeting of the events group would be organised to discuss ideas for activities. • Miss Miller would take forward the idea of Fionnuala’s drama group appearing on the community stage. • To be discussed at the events group. • To be discussed at the events group. Shazia offered to help with anything that could be ordered at the cash and carry where she works. |
| <p>2. School uniform</p> <p>2.1. <i>Order for 2012/13</i> – Ruth reported that the uniform group had met our Trutex representative. Ordering will be available online and by paper form. It was hoped to be able to have orders delivered to the school at no cost. Fairtrade sweatshirts were being investigated hopefully for next year.</p> <p>2.2. <i>Second hand</i> – the uniform group would like to encourage parents to pass on uniforms that are no longer needed. It will be easier to do this from next year. There is also a lot of uniform in lost property.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group would prepare a letter about this year’s ordering process. • Volunteers would be needed to collect forms and to distribute uniform orders. • The uniform group would explore encouraging re-using uniform. • Amelia offered to look at sorting the lost property that would be displayed at parent evenings. |
| <p>3. Website</p> <p>Following the last meeting Margaret and Barrie had met with Miss Miller to discuss setting up a new website.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A questionnaire would be sent to parents by email and paper form. • It was suggested that information about after school and extra curricular activities could be included. |
| <p>4. Library and book group</p> <p>4.1. <i>After school book group</i> - Sylvie reported that 65 children had attended the first book group event to meet the author Lynne Rickards.</p> <p>4.2. <i>Timetabled library time</i> – Rachel asked about time spent in the media suite. All classes had time for ICT and research/reading.</p> <p>4.3. <i>Lending books</i> – a question was asked about taking books out of the library. This currently happens with Arabic.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future events would alternate between upper and infant school and it was also hoped to organise events out of school. • Jack offered to be a contact for events organised at the BBC. • Bi and tri-lingual readings will continue to be explored. • Sylvie would ask Gordana about lending books and feedback. |
| <p>5. Safe routes to school</p> <p>5.1. <i>Otago gate</i> – There has been some improvement but still a regular number of parents are parking here and risking child safety and contrary to the condition of the planning permission allowing the Otago gate to open.</p> <p>5.2. <i>Parking spaces in Otago Street</i> – the local shopkeepers have asked that spaces on Otago Street directly next to the school be reinstated.</p> <p>5.3. <i>Parents cycling in the playground</i> – this was an ongoing problem.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school will continue to work with the local community and police. • It was suggested that a more public campaign to stop drivers setting down could be tried e.g. photos on the new website. • The school and PC would write to oppose this suggestion. • All agreed that every cyclist adult or child should dismount in the playground to keep children safe. |

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| <p>6. Playground</p> <p>6.1. <i>Playground toys</i> - There was discussion of playground toys at the previous meeting.</p> <p>6.2. <i>Grassy area</i> - about a third of the playground is still currently unusable.</p> <p>6.3. <i>Football pitch</i> – P5, 6 and 7 are all using this facility in the Park.</p> <p>6.4. <i>Access through the playground</i> – Fionnuala had asked at a previous meeting about opening up a route to allow P1 to bypass the upper playground when entering from Otago Street.</p> <p>6.5. <i>Playground markings</i> – a question had been asked about getting class circles painted in the playground.</p> <p>6.6. <i>Climbing wall</i> - £750 had been ring fenced from last year to set this up in the new playground.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Donaghy reported that the outdoor toy storage had been set up and toys would now be out in the playground. • This issue continues to be on the snagging list. City Building now hoped to do some drainage work. If unsuccessful other options would need to be explored. • More parent helpers are still needed to allow more classes to use the pitch. Barrie to e-mail our PC list. • This would now be done in the summer. • This should be going ahead soon. The community reparation team will be doing this and safety procedures needed to be put in place. • Ruth offered to contact Derek of the Climbing Centre. Mrs Thomson would walk round with him to agree a new site. |
| <p>7. AOCB</p> <p>7.1. <i>School garden and Eco group</i> – the school are in the early stages of planning towards a Green Flag and introducing practical eco tasks to the curriculum in a structured way.</p> <p>7.2. <i>Toilets</i> – there are ongoing problems with the toilet provision in the school for pupils and staff.</p> <p>7.3. <i>Fairtrade parade</i> – <i>this had been very successful.</i></p> <p>7.4. <i>Official opening</i> – 27th March.</p> <p>7.5. <i>Music</i> – Rachel asked about musical provision in the school.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barrie would pass Miss Miller the names of parents interested in eco issues. The school would support any parent interested in doing guerrilla or any other sort of gardening. There is a large roof terrace area that could also be used. • A parent offered to bring along leaf based plates to show the PC for possible use at events. • A letter would be drafted to be sent to Maureen McKenna. • Mr Donaghy thanked parents and staff who had supported the event. Photos would hopefully be put up. • Councillors and officials would be joining the school staff and pupils to formally open the school. • Instrument tutors currently teach violin, cello, piano, tabla and guitar to pupils. Pupils would be given the opportunity to audition for spaces as available from P4/5. • The school would be happy to be put in touch with any musicians who could take e.g. workshops. |