



Annual General Meeting

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING WINDYKNOWE PS

DATE: Tuesday 26th March 2024

TIME: 6.00PM

VENUE: In school

ATTENDEES – SCHOOL	APOLOGIES
Mrs Angus	
Ms Norquoy	Lesley Forrest
	Claire Anderson
ATTENDEES – PARENT / CARERS	Lynsey Stein
Donna McLeary	
Michelle Blackley	
Claire Mitchell	
Emma Clark	
Helen Thomson	
Dionne Harrigan	
Jackie Keast	
Jillian Jamieson	
Councillor Harry Cartmill	

Introductions and Apologies

Apologies read out

Agenda Points Submitted

Well wishes to Mrs Angus following her retiral announcement . Good luck and thank you for all your hardwork and dedication to the children and families of Windyknowe.

- 1- Is there any update on the change of holiday for the last day in May to move to the Monday after Bathgate gala day due to the children taking part in the walk?
Mrs Angus advised this needs to be instigated from the parent council, different parents have different priorities at present due to competing responsibilities. Parent Council to discuss next session and then present feedback from parents to the WL Council

- 2- Has there been any contact made to Childsmile to start toothbrushing?

Not as yet, to be raised next session when the nursery rejoins Windyknowe PS as Windyknowe is not a low index scoring primary school.

- 3- Can milk payments be due for the 1st/2nd of the month and not at the end of the month to support all families?



This can be taken forward, Ms Norquoy agreeing to take this forward from the school perspective.

4- Why do the school not dress up for World Book day?

This year the school as spent time focusing on the cost of the school day and looked at alternative activities for the children and instead organized some crafts around book characters.

5- Drinks at lunchtime – At times, P7's aren't coming round with drinks during lunch time for the children. Can they be reminded to do so or can children come and collect their own drinks?

Mrs Angus will ensure p7 pupils are reminded, it's challenging to have the children wandering up themselves due to number of pupils. School staff try to keep an eye on the pupils when in dining hall.

6- Turning circle – Can a groupcall be sent out to ask drivers not to park/wait on the road area and only in the allocated areas? As this is causing congestion especially in the mornings.

Mrs Angus has agreed for a further groupcall to go out, parents noting some the turning circle can start to fill up over half an hour before end of school. Discussion focussed around both entrances to school playground being busy with transport. There have been some heated verbal comments between parents.

7. Tuck shop- do the children receive change from their play piece?

Mrs Angus will check this out.

Lost property-

There is a lot of lost property again this year, school will display lost property this week for the pupils to look at and hopefully identify what is theirs. All lost property at end of year will be donated to the Morrisons recycle bin.

The school hall large class displays- are all children's pictures on it?

Usually class teachers try to put all pictures up, there will be exceptions.

Future Head Teacher, Mrs Angus expecting an advert to be going out later this academic year into next term for the post.

Parent council acknowledged how stressful the building work must have been for the teaching staff, school staff and pupils.

Representatives from the float committee shared they are working on the float, progressing well. They have had a donation of preloved wood which has been helpful. The space donated for the build and storage from Sibbald's has been invaluable, parent council extend their thanks to Sibbald's for this.



Future Dates:

- Thursday 16th May

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Head Teacher's Report**

Building Works

We are delighted to share that the building work in the upper floor is coming to an end. We hope to get our furniture and resources into the classrooms and cupboards again very soon after the holidays ready for new classes to use after the Summer. Biggest news of all is that we can get our playground back for the Summer term. We would like to thank all of the builders, contractors and West Lothian Council for the support they have provided and how well they have co ordinated and organised the work to create minimal disruption for the children in school. Plan is for the ELC to be re opened in August 2024.

ELC staffing

I will be recruiting and interviewing for our new ELC team on Wednesday and Thursday this week alongside our ELC area manager and ELC officer.

Euroquiz

We had a team entered for this competition. They did really well, scoring 36 points out of a possible 60

Rotary Quiz

Another team went out to compete against other Bathgate schools and they won the competition. The children were very proud of their amazing achievements. We are through to the next round and are waiting to hear where this will be. Exciting times.

Lendrick Muir and Fordell Firs

Our last meetings took place this afternoon to finalise arrangements for P5 and P7 camps. We are all ready and excited for what lies ahead.

P5-7 Show

Battle of the Bands was a huge success. Both shows were fully sold out. The children did brilliantly and



the audience had a great time watching and singing along. Our P2-4 show is next round the corner at the beginning of June. The theme is around Climate Change.

Easter Parade

The whole school are getting involved in their traditional walk to Meadow Park on Thursday leaving the school at 11. It's always good for the children to see people waving at them en route.

Art Exhibition

This was a huge success. Last chance to buy the artwork will be tomorrow. A groupcall final reminder will be sent before Thursday.

Parents Consultations

We had a great turn out on both nights. Our overall total of attendance was 96%

School Trips

We are limiting all school trips to £5 next term to take into account cost of the school day. P2 trip cost children nothing due to bus subsidies and Historic Scotland entry being nil.

Lost property

We have another load of coats and jackets in the lost property box which have not been claimed. We are laying these out for the children to claim back over the next couple of days before the end of term.