



Annual General Meeting

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING WINKDYKNOWE PS

DATE: Thursday 17th May 2024

TIME: 6.00PM

VENUE: In school

ATTENDEES – SCHOOL	APOLOGIES
Mrs Angus	
Ms Norquoy	Rhona Tait
ATTENDEES – PARENT / CARERS	
Donna McLeary	
Michelle Blackley	
Claire Mitchell	
Emma Clark	
Helen Thomson	
Dionne Harrigan	
Jackie Keast	
Jillian Jamieson	
Councillor Harry Cartmill	
Juliet Redmond	
Lesley Forrest	
John Cloherty	

Introductions and Apologies

Apologies read out

Agenda Points Submitted

1. Boys toilet – There seem to be no locks on some of boys toilet doors which is making a few of the boys wary of using them. Can this be added to an FM request? Also, does the janitor not complete a weekly walk through of the school to bring this to his attention?

Janitor does walk through weekly and it is on his list. Mrs Angus to highlight to him and will review boy's bathroom.

2. School uniform – There have been children coming to school in non-uniform, are parents/carers notified when this happens? It may be noted that the children are coming to school in designer clothes which can cause other parents to feel pressured into buying these clothes and/or could lead to bullying from others.

School can strongly encourage school uniform but cannot enforce it. There is no legal obligation from the school regarding the school clothes pupils wear to school. Mrs Angus highlighted she has been made aware of a trend with footwear, however as they are black and white they meet uniform criteria. It was flagged that a local secondary has phoned parents of children who are not in uniform to collect their children. School in support of young people's needs and a degree of flexibility in relation to sensory needs and additional support needs.



3. Bullying – What is the bullying policy at WPS? Some of the parents/carers feel that children who are misbehaving and being unkind/violent to staff and pupils are getting minimal behaviour consequences.

The school management team are aware of the needs of each pupil within the school community, they are unable to disclose their management of challenges within the school community due to confidentiality. Every child's needs are catered for. Discussion around WOW awards which had previously opened up opportunity for many children to be recognized. Windyknowe's Got Talent is coming up this term.

4. Warriors for Primary 1 children – Can more information be sent out as the groupcall didn't really give any information of what the children would be doing only that £4.80 was due and information would come at a later date.

P1 will have their buddy trip at no cost, this is absorbed by the school. The school will send further information to parents this will be given from p1 teachers. School to highlight to parents this is instead of school trip this academic year. Parents have requested more notice going forward where feasible for school events/ trips. Positive feedback given from parent whose child has attended the 'Warriors' at weekends and really enjoyed it!

5. Primary 7 leavers hoodie

Parents are arranging these. Letter will be sent into the school to go out to all parents. Money can be handed into the school and parents will collect.

6. Communication for future meetings – How are parents/carers able to communicate to bring their points to the PC meetings if the chair's email address cannot be shared? Although it is still on the school website? The chair does not mind if her emailed address is shared as she knows no points should be brought through the parent council facebook page as it's not affiliated with the school.

Current chair of parent Council has given school consent to share her own email address.

At parent's night, coffee mornings and school events PCA will have a flyer or stand to encourage more parents to find out more about the Parent Council and who members are. A suggestions box is also something to be considered for moving forward. Mr Clocherty spoke from his experience having a blended model worked well, then parents could join online.

QR code to be created to share contact details for the Chair Person.

7. Head teacher process – Can more parents/carers be offered the opportunity to take part in the training when the next date becomes available? Also if more communication could be given during the process.

The recruitment process for appointing new Head Teacher has happened rapidly. Lynn Findlay sends her apologies. WLC education wished for the new HT to be in Windyknowe to meet the staff, pupils and community prior to August.



Parent Council feel that they were kept informed of the process whilst it was fast.

Chair shared that she hoped that members of the Parent Council felt involved and informed to the best of her abilities as wished for all members of the Parent Council to feel like they were included.

Those who attended the training felt it was very informative.

There was a request from PC for parents to understand the process. Lynne has since advised that the council will take this forward.

Mr Clocherty stated at interview, "I want the best for the children".

He wishes to form relationships with the children, staff and parents to celebrate current successes and he is looking forward to opening the ELC. He is supportive of making decisions about the school with colleagues and parents. He is looking forward to working within an established school as he is aware his experience to date has been within newer schools.

Chair is awaiting upcoming dates on future training dates. The training will expire after a period of time.

8. Playground design

The playground is looking really good and has had a much needed refresh. Thank you to all involved.