

Annual General Meeting

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING WINDYKNOWE PS

DATE: Thursday 6th November 2024

TIME: 6.00PM

VENUE: In school



ATTENDEES – SCHOOL	APOLOGIES
Mr Cloherty	Rhona Tait
Ms Norquoy	Laura Weir
	Claire Mitchell
ATTENDEES – PARENT / CARERS	Rachel Aitken
Donna McLeary- PC Chair	Rebecca
Jillian Jamieson	Lynsey Stein
Claire Anderson	Helen Thomson
Michelle Blackley	Dionne Harrigan
Lesley Forrest	Jackie Keast
Emma Clark	Juliet Redmond
Harry Cartmill MSP	
Pauline Stafford MSP	

Introductions and Apologies

Apologies read and shared with group by Chair. Introductions made between parents present, Mr Cloherty and Ms Norquoy.

Agenda Points Submitted

1. The parking at the main school exit at Windyknowe Crescent, is not being manned by staff, why not? Is this not risking the safety of the children and staff?

The school are aware of this issue and the SLT will be addressing this within the coming week and further action will be taken to ensure the safety of the children, parents and staff. Previously, SLT were told not to stop the traffic on public roads when letting the children out at home time which made these changes take place.

2. After school clubs, why is there only clubs that are payable and lack of clubs for other interests rather than physical activities? The PSA are happy to add funding towards any new clubs.

More after school clubs to become available throughout the year and information will be shared with parents/carers nearer the time of the club beginning. Active schools take a lot of the after school clubs to allow Windyknowe Primary School to go through for the active school Gold active award which the school currently has.

3. Are the school crossing attendants invited along to the school events and are they ever seen in the school throughout the school year?

No, however there is no reason why this can't happen. The school will start inviting them along to the school events by giving them invitations made from the children.

4. West Lothian Council have announced funding is available for kitchen upgrades and dining facilities, is Windyknowe aware of this and if so, have the school applied?

Yes, the school have applied for the funding however they are still waiting on a reply from the council. The Scottish government have given the funding to West Lothian Council who will make the decision on what school is approved for the upgrades and dining facilities.

5. Update on school poster shared with everyone who attended and changes agreed.

Group call of the poster has been sent out to all parents/carers with the poster which will hopefully recruit new members.

6. French exchange student – Can there be more information shared on this with parents/carers? ie-Where in France are they from? Why are they in our school?

The French student's visiting WPS, was part of the twinning project with Bathgate schools and John Lockhart. WPS had 7 students visiting the pupil leadership team who supported them throughout their time at WPS. During the day, the students experienced tea and toast with the pupil leadership team with them, a tour around the school, they took part in some lessons with primary 7 students and in the playground during breaks. The French exchange students brought books with them to give to WPS. Going forward, teachers hope to continue the positive links with the exchange programme.

7. Can more information be given on the What's on page please?

Weekly group calls to be sent out with the new What's on information handout and will be removed from the website as part of the trial. This will be trialled out until Christmas then the school will review with all parents/carers to see what they preferred, group call or checking the website for What's on.

8. Who organised the 4pm Lendrick Muir trip information virtual meeting? Can times be more suitable due to parents/carers working as 4pm for the majority of our parents/carers isn't suitable?

For this meeting, the time was to suit Lendrick Muir and they could only do online at 4pm, however the virtual meeting was done to try and cater for everyone especially for the time the meeting was arranged for. Going forward, the school and Lendrick Muir will take into consideration the times for the future meetings.

9. For school events, can there be more notice given to parents/carers? For example, there was only one week's notice for meet the teacher and Lendrick Muir information session.

This has been acknowledged and the school will ensure plenty of notice is given to parents/carers for further events.

10. Children in Need – Is the school doing anything and will information be shared to parents/carers regarding this?

Children can dress up for Children in Need but the school will not take any donations. P5 will do home baking to sell throughout the week and P5 assembly is for Children in Need.

11. Seesaw codes – Some parents have asked for the code at parents evening and still waiting to given? Can these be re-shared?

If any parents/carers need another seesaw code please contact the office, who will contact the teacher to inform them and hand the QR code to the child.

Head teacher report

Future Dates:

- Wednesday 22nd January 2025 6pm
- Thursday 24th April 2025 6pm
- Tuesday 10th June 2025 6pm