

MID CALDER PRIMARY SCHOOL - PARENT COUNCIL



Date: 20th November 2024
Time: 1815-1930hrs
Facilitator: Mrs G Cyphus (Chair)

In attendance

Mr R Taylor (Acting Head Teacher) (RT)
Mrs G Cyphus (Chair) (GC)
Miss Y Hannah (Secretary) (YH)
Mrs A Knight-Dawson (AKD)

Approval of minutes

Prev minutes accepted as approved

Head Teacher Report

RT gave a general update on staffing covering (i) return of Mr Kerr (ii) Mrs Smith retirement & (iii) Mrs Ross resignation : Mrs Ross replacement interview within next week and colleague will commence January 2025

School improvement plan discussion

Staff have been undertaking personal development & RT taking mixed groups to gain feedback direct from the children

School Equity actions : currently 2 staff leads for equitable classrooms : Mrs M / Mrs R.

Focus on music dance / drama/ music with recent training via WCHS

Community/Sustainability considerations : potential for tuck shop & healthy snack donations from community – RT requested assistance in outreach to community for this (and wider i.e. community groups / Cunnigar house / local business / shops etc to strengthen connection overall) – **ACTION GC**

Health & safety

Outdoor area remains under review (including container location / survey requirements being actively pursued by the school) with offer of help from parent to be revisited in spring. Playground work to encourage good playtime behaviour includes leverage of peer mediators (led by Mrs Ross) to help with any conflict arising and using the playground safe space for children when needed

Cost of school day

Discussion re provision of uniform & slow take-up of the offer. Potential to learn from Williamson who have launched "Winted" (aka Vinted) – ACTION GC/YH

Xmas jumper swap (free) at PSA fair on 6/12 – stall to be manned ACTION : GC

Tuck shop (see point raised above) to assist with some gaps in snack provision being seen

School camps – consideration of costs where families may be hit with two children (P5 & P7) P5 Lockerbie and P7 Dalguise

Budget

Budget update provided by RT – essential spend only being prioritised due to general council financial stretch

Committee requests / discussion points

GC raised ongoing commentary being received wrt consistency of PE – RT confirmed plans are robust for each age group

GC raised possibility of funding mechanisms via community funds – GC to look at availability & applications ACTION : GC

GC raised access to a parent council email – YH to investigate with previous chair ACTION : YH

Next meeting

January 15th 2025, Mid Calder Primary School @ 1815hrs

Action	Owner	Outcome
Community outreach	GC	
Uniform/Minted	GC	
Xmas Jumper swap	GC/YH	
Investigate email address for parent council	YH	Confirmed no prev email avail : checked with other PCs and Connect : able to go ahead and create on platform of choice.
Investigate access to funding mechanisms	GC	