

Greenbrae School Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 8th March 2016 at 6.30pm.

Note of Meeting:

Attendees: Miss A. Royle, Mrs Karen Dey, Mrs Emma Kidd, Mrs Gill Bruce, Mrs Kathleen Ritchie, Mrs Julie Drummond, Mr Tim Galloway, Mrs Elaine Smith, Mrs Alison Flett, Cllr Jaffrey, Cllr Stuart.

Apologies: Miss Beattie, Mr Lee Brody, Mrs Louise Ellis, Mrs Laura McKenzie, Mrs Kam Cockburn, Mrs Sarah Burnett.

1. **Welcome:** Mrs Emma Kidd gave apologies for Louise Ellis, and welcomed everyone as acting Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **Extension Update:**

- The Extension has started, with only a few hiccups and daily adjustments having to be made. The school is being very positive and are being very flexible in their approach.
- Timing wise, it is planned that the main extension structure to be up by the end of March 2016.
- The new outdoor space should be an excellent ground for learning area, containing some paths, tunnels etc. and planters. The extension will also house an outdoor classroom on the upper level.
- The Nursery have enjoyed actively watching some events as part of their daily learning, i.e. concrete being poured down onto the ground.
- Within the Nursery, temporary movement of its sinks and dishwasher may be required in order to provide clean water.
- The issue of money to fund an all-weather outdoor sports pitch was raised again and whether we could ask Robertson Construction (building contractor) to contribute, however it is estimated to cost in the region of half a million pounds.
- Cllr Stuart suggested the People's Project (as seen recently on STV News) as a possible source of funding if it was seen as a charity project. Or Big Lottery Scotland. Community Council grants could also be looked into.
- Claire Cowan (ACC) will attend the next Parent Council meeting on 26th April 2016 to provide an update.
- Claire Cowan has been asked to look at the Extension plans again to see if there could be added capacity for an area to be allocated in the future for a before and after school club. This will need to be looked at closer as space to store resource and extra sinks, (minimum facility requirements) would be needed. The current extension plans would need to be adjusted and the cost implications examined. However, demand for such a service is anticipated to be very high.
- Glashieburn will have capacity to take Greenbrae Nursery Pupils during the August 2016 term and a meeting is being held next week with Glashieburn Nursery Staff to discuss. The Nursery pupils will be given more flexible drop off times i.e. between 8.30 – 9.00am to allow parents who have older children at Greenbrae enough time to drop off/pick up at both sites.
- At present, no provision for Nursery children's transfer to Glashieburn has been agreed upon /offered by the Council, i.e. a bus, so it appears at present to be the responsibility of the individual parents.

3. **Teacher's Report:**

Staffing – Two teachers will be leaving the School this term - P7 – Mrs Jill Pirie (last day 11/03/16) and P3 – Mrs Charlotte Lind (last day 1/04/16)

A business case will be formulated, before an advert for a Principal Teacher Post can be put forward, after the Easter holidays

The Care Inspectorate may come to inspect / observe the School's nursery during April / May. Parents will receive sample questionnaires to fill out and return prior to this happening to ascertain their views. The Inspectorate are aware of the School's current circumstances / extension plans.

Sponsored Skip for Sophie took place recently with the P6 class to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. This affected the children in a positive and very thoughtful way when the grandparent's spoke of their loss of a grandchild.

The Group Call /Email will add Bill (Lollipop Man) and also Braehead Before/After School Club to inform them of any sudden changes in the school's activities (i.e. recent school closure due to the water being switched off for works).

Decant Days: There will be school closure days applied for to allow for the packing up / decanting of the Nursery to Glashieburn and of the old classrooms into the new build. No dates are known for this yet.

School Uniforms John Lewis have withdrawn their service to supply the School with Uniforms. Miss Royle has received new samples from Tesco's, which were agreed upon to form a contract to supply. The Uniform Company (Helen Treliving) will continue to supply the school as an alternative supplier. Hoodies are not currently available as part of the School uniform.

Greenbrae School's Aims / Objectives / Vision need to be reviewed and updated, and questionnaires will be sent out for parents after the Easter Holidays.

Election/Referendum Dates the School will be shut on the following election dates: Thursday 5th May, and Thursday 23rd June 2016.

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Mr Tim Galloway reported the amount of money in the Parent Council Funds was currently £1,323.66, with another £300.00 due into the account soon. After the extension is finished the money will be reviewed again to see the best options for spending it on the school.

Mrs Emma Kidd thanked the Counsellors present for the arrival of the Yellow Box (of salt) at the School site.

No further news yet of the Zebra crossing work on Greenbrae Drive as yet, our last communication from ACC advised that work will be in the spring.

The next ASG Joint Parent Council Meeting will take place on 9/3/16. Louise Ellis and Emma Kidd to attend on behalf of Greenbrae.

Pets owned by staff, pupils, parents are no longer allowed to be taken into school. Companies that have appropriate insurance can visit the school to aid projects.

Meeting: Tuesday 26th April 2016.