

GORE GLEN PARENT COUNCIL MEETING



Date –7th September 2023 @ 7pm

Location – Virtual

Agenda item	Minutes	Action
Welcome and attendees	Jenna, Mad, Jennie, Sarah, Brian, Louise, Nicola, Marysia, Susan, Cheryl, Mary, Gillian, David, Ana, Gillon, Greg, Lisa	
Apologies	Maggie, Kirstin, Heather, Lyn, Beckie, Amy	
Minutes of the last meeting – for approval	Minutes for June 2023 to be agreed.	Minutes Agreed no actions required
Update from Head Teacher	<p>Improvement Plan priorities and budget for 23/24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lovely to see such a healthy number of attendees at PC meeting. A strong PC is such a massive benefit to the school. - Successful start to term. Midlothian Council have issued a communication to state that none of the school buildings across Midlothian have Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete - School is now at 379 pupils across the whole school - Biggest change is Amy's return. Missing a Principle Teacher in Glenable, recruitment is underway - Main points of contact have been established across the school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - - Amy for ELC-P2 - - Gillon for P3-P4 - - Julie Unrau and Laura Forsythe for P5-P7 - This has been established to improve communication pathways to and from school - Parking remains a challenge. One appeal has been issued already to be respectful when parking close to school. Road use survey is being carried out at start and end of school day. Community police have also been contacted and will support when they can. School regularly receive calls about the issue however school have no resource or authority to do much more than they already are doing. 	<p>Improvement Plan priorities and budget for 23/24 – to be carried over to next meeting.</p> <p>Gillon to look at demand for wrap around care, is another survey required or is the data from last year still available?</p> <p>Parent Council to discuss use of school website – discuss at next meeting.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After School Club, Gorebridge ASC have made an application to Midlothian Council for wrap around care to be based at Gore Glen. This is to be put out for tender and then successful applicant will then progress the matter with the Care Inspectorate. This is going to take time but definitely further ahead than we were last year. - Other news, fundraising – Rage to Riches for school. It is a new appeal where we can use school to collect used/unused clothing which is then sent away and generates funds for school. There is no cost to the school for this, but the initiative needs to be discussed further - Sports Champion event, was successful last year need to be considerate of cost of school day. Funds raised go towards active school opportunities - The school website has been revised and there is space for Parent Council input 	
Fundraising Update	Volunteer to take on tea towels etc for 23/24 – Marysia and Lyn	
Separate items of business (each item is given a different slot on the agenda)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC roles for 2023/2024 Chair – David Vice Chair – Greg Secretary – Jenna and Sarah Treasurer – Marysia Fundraising Lead - Lynn • Representation for each class ELC Louise, Mary, Lisa P1 Gillian, Greg, Jennie, Susan, Ana, Brian P2 Marysia, Arte, Shona, Louise, Cheryl P3 Jenna, Louise P4 David, Mary, Nicola, Sarah, Jenna P5 Lynn, Suzanne, Cheryl, Mad P6 Maggie P7 Mad Glenable • Park smart campaign - Lollipop person Zebra crossing Barriers at bottom car park, Keep sending concerns to local councillors. Awaiting an update from Gilliam Bathgate. • Update on Active Schools clubs? Funding for Additional activities/clubs - • Development of the library, - was the funding application for Tesco submitted? – Missed the cut off for last term. To be picked up • Eco matters – anyone keen on green so that we have a link in with the school 	Roles to be voted in at next meeting. Gillon to issue a communication to parent/carers in Glenable for representation on Parent Council Tesco funding application to be submitted A volunteer from Parent Council for Eco matters Gillon to pick up with Amy re ELC phased intake feedback

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus for 23/24 will be library and school outings. • Planner for 23/24 – to be updated • Photographer for this year’s school photos – what are our options. Photo’s were good quality however cost of delivery was huge. Last years photographer is provisionally booked. Admin cannot be done in school like last year • ELC phased intake – will there be an opportunity for parents to provide feedback on how this went, can we ask parents to provide feedback. Gillon advised happy to seek feedback but noting that a lot of the planning for the in take is driven by Midlothian Council. • Breakfast and after school club – see Headteacher update • Upcoming events Halloween disco – Monday 30th October. £1 donation and tuck shop. Need to agree times Start to think about Christmas Fair, dates etc Please bring all ideas to next meeting • Meetings to alternate between in person and virtual. 5th October 2nd November 7th December (or week before depending on Christmas Fair date) 11th January 1st February 7th March No April Meeting as Easter Holidays 2nd May 6th June Friday meetings (Chair, Secretary, Head and Depute 13th October 24th November No meeting in January 9th February 22nd March 3rd May 14th June 	
AOB	Concern with the garden space in the nursery. A steep grassy slope, grass has not been cut so it is completely unusable Midlothian Council have advised that there is a limit to the amount that can be cut back. Parents are offering to come in and cut it, is this possible.	Gillon to discuss with Amy and get back to Lisa.

Next Meeting – 5th October 2023,