

Hawthornden Primary Parent Council AGM – Minutes
28th October 2020

Angie Neil opened the meeting, advising that, due to personal commitments, she would be stepping down from her role as Chair which she has held for a number of years. Charlotte, who has shared the role with Angie for the past year will also be stepping down due to work commitments.

Head Teacher's update

Ms Elsey thanked Angie for her contribution over the years and proceeded to give an update on the return to school. Ms Elsey acknowledged that it had been a very different and sometimes difficult period for the school. noting that the focus now is on supporting the children back at school and implementing a recovery curriculum - with a focus on health and wellbeing and working on gaps which may have appeared, or broadened in the children's learning over the lockdown period.

Ms Elsey went on to say that discussions have been taking place in school about how to keep parents involved in the absence of events such as coffee mornings and PATPALs. This continues to be a challenge the school staff are working on.

The advert for a new Head Teacher has been out for a couple of weeks now and will close this weekend. 3 parents will be on the interview panel - it is expected that these will be Angie Neil, Marilyn McRobb and Sarah Kelly as they have already undertaken the necessary training. it is hoped that we will have someone in post by early/mid January, depending on the successful applicant's commitments. In the interim period, one of our current DHTs will act up into the HT role to allow for a smooth transition.

AGM Business

Posts were elected as follows:

Chair - Aileen King

Vice Chair - Gracie Ross

Secretary - Louise Duncan

Treasurer - Sarah Kelly

Fundraising

Due to restrictions, and the additional pressure many families will be feeling on their finances, we have agreed that there will be no significant fundraising activities, at least in the short term.

However, we did agree to do another round of coin wars. This was a hugely successful fundraising effort last time and we intend that all classes will receive an equal share of the proceeds to do with as they please during December. This may be used as funding for an activity such as arts and crafts, or for a class treat.