

Bruntsfield Parent Council meeting 29 March 2022 (via Zoom)

Attendees:

Office Bearers & Co-opts

Ros Claase
Jenni Fuchs
Shanda Docherty
Jay Feeney
Jae Fassam
Alison Redpath
Stefan Santjer
Cindy Coleman

Ordinary Members

Jerome Veyret
Emma Filshie
Stefanos Papanicolopoulos

Other

Alison Kerr
Agnieszka Lewandowska
Louise Gormelen
Elma Charalampidou
Anna Docherty
Anna Wojtczuk
Piotr Wojtczuk
Fiona Galbraith
Ophelia Guyiri
Sandy Chow
Catriona Penny
Ramy Habeeb
Diana
Rozi
Lucy
Tara

Lesley Lamond
Tony Segall (Active Schools)

- RC opened the meeting noting it was quorate and welcomed the everyone including Mrs Lamond (standing in for CK), Tony Segall (Active Schools)
- Minutes from 2 February 2022 – approved

Parent Council roles

- Cindy Coleman proposed as clubs treasurer by RC and seconded JF. Resolution passed.
- A reminder that role of Chair and Secretary will both be vacant next term. Please apply.

School update (from LL)

- Outdoor learning - very positive
- PE – Children will still come in in PE kit
- Using the Links – only one area flat enough (sports day part). Is being looked at.
- Traffic signage has now gone to another school – just on loan.
- Staff absence is a challenge, but they are managing as best they can.
- Bubbles – isolation only in dining hall.

Clubs (update from Stefan)

- Clubs are all go. New clubs launched and price has gone down.
- Some teachers involved and P1s too.
- Homework clubs next term
- Call out to everyone to help with sports clubs.
- Biking club offer – Stefan to pursue.

Active Schools (TS)

- AS is funded by SG. CEC add 25%
- TS explained the current aims for AS:
 - Trying to make more children more active more often.
 - Also help support older pupils put on activities for younger pupils
 - Bikeability is a programme that is on offer plus other clubs via Meggetland and high school for older children
 - Can offer support courses like first aid, sports protection. Free courses and can assist those helping with existing clubs.
 - Multi-skills lunchtime activities are returning.
 - Very keen to work in partnership with parents and schools – let TS know what we need.

- Funding is for hours of co-ordinator and based on schools rolls in our area.
- CEC (rather than TS responsibility) but parents expressed frustration that we have gone from 8 to 1 lunchtime club.

PE/activity in schools

- Need to remember that there is time and staffing issues with using links – takes a long time to do it safely.
- How do we best communicate those issues e.g. space not being available on arrival, student safety? How do other schools manage it?
- Bruntsfield’s facilities are small. Need support from City and are liaising on future school project.
- Parents need more information and would be keen to help. Maybe a blog post? LL and CK to follow-up.

Playground project update (LG)

- Behind the scenes groundwork is happening this term. Volunteers and training. Gathering views. Going well.
- Volunteers have been found (20) and LG is meeting with them.
- Students interested in growing own food.
- Advice on planting underway.
- Dates to get the project going next term. Many thanks to LG.
- Bruntsfield Links wildflower project – keen to involve the school

Ramy Habeeb - Creative writing

- RH is a school parent and an author and is working with classes on how to write stories (character, story arcs). Whole school project looking at a story about a Villain trying to turn the school into a junkyard and the school has superheros to protect it.
- LL idea to bring classes all together with each classes focussing on specific events linked to project.
- Downloaded copies and paperback to buy.
- Funding options for free copies.
- Remy’s publisher will give £800 of services (cover, illustration). Need other ideas.

- Parents very supportive and grateful.
- Parent Council to discuss funding options.

Events update

- Looking at summer fete activity – need to develop.
- Feedback from parents was looking at whole family events
- Look out for updates.

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- Next meeting 18 May 2022