

Bruntsfield Parent Council meeting 14 June 2022 (via zoom)

Attendance

Office Bearers & Co-opts

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

Ordinary Members

Sorour Malaekkeh
Andrea Thomson
Simon Wotton
Jerome Veyret
Stefanos Papanicolopoulos

Other attendees

Zaki El-Salahi
Louise Gourmelen
Pippa Cochran
Catriona Penny
Nadia Vitale
Frauke Matthes
Anna Wojtczuk
David Urch
Polly Golding
Alison Kerr
Gurpinder Lally
Audrey Pope
Om Ibrahim
Amanda Lake
Valentina
Shona
Tara

Staff/ Councillors

Carol Kyle
Stephen Gilhooley
Lesley Lamond
Cllr Neil Ross

Apologies

Kristin Pedroja

Opening and apologies

- RC opened the meeting noting it was quorate.
- The Minutes from 18 May 2022 were approved
- It was noted that between meeting the playground project funding application for £1,500 has been approved (partially funded by ½ proceeds from Playground Party).

Headteacher update (CK)

- CK thanks SG for coming to the meeting.
- CK gave her update which can be found in full at [Head Teacher's Blog 16/06/2022 | Bruntsfield Primary School](#)
- Annual standard and quality report- full version for authority
- As this was CK's last meeting RC on behalf of the Parent Council thanks CK for her time and efforts as head teacher and with the Parent community.
- CK said how much she had enjoyed her time at Bruntsfield and that the children will be the hardest ones to leave.

Hello new headteacher (SG)

- SG introduced himself and explained his roles so far and his current role supporting and challenging senior leadership teams in primary and secondary schools.
- SG very excited to start and get back to working with children and staff and parents (especially after lockdown).
- CK and SG working on transition and all going well
- SG is meeting with P1 parents and senior leadership team and is keen to build relationships with stakeholders
- SG is looking to re-evaluate vision and values for BPS and curriculum in following year.

St Oswald's update (DU)

- DU recapped the project so far and the great progress made in bringing St Oswald's into public ownership.

- The Key objective is to provide a setting for WAC and clubs as well as general purpose space for school.
- The plans Will create direct, secure link from school to building
- Huge potential for the project – and please get involved.

Superheroes book (LL)

- 150 copies sold and another 50 to go in local bookshops
- Book being printed now and available
- First of many projects and has been very well received.

Playground project (LL)

- Meetings with CEC going well
- The gravel in the lower playground needs to be addressed and LL is working on options and funding for those options.
- The Parent Council may be able to assist with funding.

Clubs (SS)

- Places for next term will be advertised from Friday 17 June.
- New language and football clubs for P1
- Applied for funding for physical activity grant.
- Continuing to support free and discounted club places.
- Needs help to run clubs.
- Choir needs some male voices please.
- Girls P4/P5 football squad were in semi final and final and came 2nd and 3rd – well done!

A+ update (Zaki)

- End of session update from Zaki.
 - Zaki reminded the PC of the aim and achievements of the A+ group
 - 8 sessions with 18 regular attendees. Broad range.
 - Zaki took people through what the group had wanted to achieve and surveys to baseline BPS and repeat them over the year.
 - Actions and plans submitted to CK.
- What next?
 - Parent Council involvement:
 - International celebrations
 - Club involvement – need to make sure we include everyone in clubs and running clubs and not have language as a barrier.

Playground party

- Very successful event. Made at least £1,500.
 - One third raised by P6s for their yearbook
 - One third for Ukraine (via DNIPRO)

- One third for playground project
- Thanks to everyone for all their help and thanks to the team led by Jennie, Alison and Kristin.
- Thank you to the Playground Project team for all their help and support too (Louise, Pippa and Emily).

New Volunteers needed

- RC also reminded the meeting that the Parent Council will need a new Chair and Secretary for next term.
- The PC also needs volunteers to help with fundraising and clubs. See website for full details.
- Roles can be shared.

AOB

- Expenses policy to be brought forward for next year.

Next meetings

- Wednesday 24 August 2022
- Tuesday 27 September 2022 (AGM)