

Wiston Primary

Parent Council Meeting

DATE Tuesday 24th October

TIME 18.30

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Elma McGregor

IN ATTENDANCE

Elma McGregor (EM), Percy Nichol-Bose (PNB), Claire Clarke (CC), Carina Newton (CN), Naomi Robb-Guthrie (NRG), Suzanne Kimm (SK)

ABSENT

Bill Ward (BW)

BOARD UPDATES

Bill Ward was nominated as the new chair, Claire Clarke as the new Secretary and Suzanne Kimm as the new treasurer. All present were in favor and roles confirmed.

HEAD REPORT

- School population

9 children currently attend Wiston Primary School.

Mr O'Donnell is the main teacher with support from Miss Logan and Mrs Orr. On the days Mr O'Donnell doesn't have additional support EM is available to ensure the teacher/children ratio is met.

- Relationships, sexual health and parenthood (RSHP)

When RSHP lessons are being taught the school is split into the following groups:

P1 + P2

P3 + P4

P5

P6 + P7

This ensures the children are being taught at the appropriate level.

Link to RSHP Scotland <https://rshp.scot/>

EM explained that she has some concerns with the level of information that is given out in these lessons and would like agreement from parents in relation to the level of information being taught. EM explained that she is proposing that the lady who teaches these lessons (Jude) comes into school and discusses the content with parents to get a consensus from parents as to what they are comfortable with their children being taught.

EM suggested a joint meeting with Libberton Primary, but it was agreed that it would be preferred if it was a meeting with Wiston parents only.

It was suggested that feedback on the matter could be collated post the session to ensure parents are comfortable feeding back their individual opinions.

ACTION: EM to set up meeting in relation to RSHP content.

- Transport

Wiston Lodge have offered Wiston Primary School the use of their minibus free of charge. The school would need to provide the driver.

EM currently seeking confirmation that this is allowed and the required approvals.

EM confirmed that she is very committed to continuing to get the children out and about. EM also confirmed that Wiston Primary PEF money will go to transport this year.

- Photographer

EM advised that she has arranged for a photographer to come to the school to take photographs of the children on Tuesday 5th December. The photographer is David Wilson and comes recommended as a few schools in the area have used him.

The photographer has confirmed photographs will be e-mailed out to those parents wishing to have photographs taken, by Wednesday 6th December to ensure they are available for Christmas.

AOB

- Budget cuts will be announced in November and small schools could be getting looked at.
- EM confirmed school will be spending some money on new laptops.
- Discussion on what the money in the school bank account could be used for, some suggestions: bike rack to allow children to cycle to school, improvements to playground, a new swing to replace the baby swing in the playground and a basketball hoop and balls.

ACTION: EM to seek the children's opinions as to what they would like for the playground and then the Parent council would assess if a micro grants were an option.

- Discussion about if the children could do some sponsored activities to help contribute to the school funding. A Wiston Litter pick was proposed. All at the meeting thought this was a good idea and it was proposed that this could take place in springtime when the weather is a little better. Consensus was this did not have to be a sponsored event as there are environmental benefits anyway.

NEXT MEETING

Monday 15th January at 18.00 at Wiston Primary School.