

## **Machanhill Parent Council Meeting - Held on Tuesday 29th August 2023**

### Present

Cheryl Marley, Stephen Shields, Zoe Hughes, Sharon McCallum, Lynn Hunter, Emma Mackie, Ana Jornea, Ricky Hutton, Sarah Semple, Mrs. Boyle and Mrs. Hamilton.

### Apologies

Apologies were received from Charlene Barclay, Vasile Jornea, Emma Thomson, and Graeme Clark.

### Welcome

Cheryl opened the Meeting and welcomed members in attendance.

### Head Teachers Report

Mrs. Boyle thanked the office bearers for fulfilling their roles over the last two years, and reminded all members that membership of the PC has to be renewed every two years.

South Lanarkshire Council have published a consultation on catchment areas affecting Machanhill, Glengowan and Robert Smellie primary schools. Parents are advised to view the consultation document and add their comments, as the proposal includes a change to the current catchment area of Machanhill. This can be done via the link shared on Parent Portal and SLC website.

The Parents Portal App is now up and running and is the platform where all school information will be shared and where various school services can be accessed directly by parents. It is acknowledged that some teething problems remain but these are expected to be resolved soon.

The school welcome five new members of staff namely Ms. Lindsay, Ms. Laing, Ms. Mochan, Ms. Taylor and Ms. Harris. Additionally there is absence within the school office.

Mrs. Boyle advised that class teachers have been asked to consider and plan ahead for possible school trips for their pupils.

Dates for Dress Down Days have been added to the school calendar, which is on Parent Portal. Pupils will be asked to pay £1.00 for each of these with the money collected going toward funding after school clubs and activities.

### Agenda

Mrs. Boyle advised the Breakfast Club which runs from 8.15am until 8.45am is currently at full capacity. No additional pupils can attend until another member of staff is added or a Parent Helper volunteers to assist. If a parent would like their child to attend they need to complete a form at the school office.

The school has issued a request for parents interested in helping within the school to complete the required form. This is in addition to parents interested in joining the PC.

Mrs. Hamilton advised that the closing date for P7 pupils interested in attending Lockerbie Manor has been extended.

Following discussion it was agreed that this year's school discos will have the same format as last year. Namely, the start and finish times remain unchanged with the same year groups in both discos. No snacks will be provided although drinking water will be available. Although the discos will be free a donation will be accepted which will go towards school funds.

Date of Next Meeting/AGM

The next meeting is the AGM which takes place on Tuesday 19/9/2023 at 6.30pm in the school hall. The meeting following this is Tuesday 10/10/23.

Meeting Closed

Cheryl closed the meeting, and thanked those present for their attendance.