



James Aiton Parent Council Meeting

Date 16/1/24

Members Present: Elsa Morton Jolene MacPhee Nicola McCallum

Chair

Treasurer

Secretary

*Kerry McGhee (headteacher) Stacey Simpson Katrina Cabrey
Lorraine McKendrick Julie Oglivie (Principal teacher)
Sarah Wiegthman*

Members

Not present: Anne Rae, Jen, Natalie

New Members nil

Welcome All

Minutes from last meeting: minutes from last meeting passed by Lorraine

Correspondence: Nil from Parent Council or HT

Head Teacher News/Update:

Parent Council Meeting

16th Jan 2024
Head Teacher's Report

Happy New Year!

SLC Proposal – changes to transport

SLC are consulting on the proposal to alter the distance that a mainstream secondary school pupil must live from their catchment school to qualify for free school transport, from more than 2 miles to more than 3 miles.

The consultation period starts on Monday 15 January 2024. Full details of the proposal are in the Consultation Proposal document, as per the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.

If you would like a paper copy of the proposal document, please phone 01698 455698. Copies are available for inspection from the Council Offices, Almada Street Hamilton ML3 0AA, from libraries and schools.

If you want to make a representation on the proposal, please complete the online survey form.

[Secondary School Transport Consultation 2024 \(snapsurveys.com\)](https://snapsurveys.com)

P1 Transition

Arrangements for P1 Transition are well underway. P1 registration was last week and we have enrolled 10 children – significantly lower than in previous years (catchment children). Possible late enrolments or Placing Requests in, but we will not have final numbers until the end of Jan 2024. May impact class configuration, with the possibility of forming 6 composite classes next session.

[Composite classes - a guide for parents - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

P7 Transition

Arrangements for P7 transition are also underway, with visits from high school staff to primary. Stonelaw have also created a programme and Google Classroom entitled 'Destination Stonelaw' which includes lots of activities and links to useful information/videos, etc. Parents/carers have also been invited to attend an Information Evening which included some taster sessions for the children.

Children requiring support, have been discussed with high school staff at our Joint Assessment Team meetings. 2 day visit – 12/13 June (Stonelaw) 11/12 June (Cathkin)

Accreditation

This session, we have compiled evidence to apply for 3 different awards:

Reading Schools Silver Award

Respect Me – Anti-Bullying Award

Attachment-Informed, Trauma Sensitive Award

All awards will recognise our commitment to promoting reading across the school, tackling bullying and prejudice and for supporting Nurture and emotional wellbeing across the school. We will update families once this has been achieved.

Learning Community Moderation

Teaching staff have paired up with colleagues across our Learning Community to share good practice in the implementation of Writing. This programme of moderation has been designed to ensure we have an agreed standard and expectations across the Stonelaw Learning Community.

Pupil Equity Funding Update

0.5 teacher to support Health and Wellbeing across the school

Refreshed school libraries, including our central library with new and inclusive resources

Resourced writing packs for our next Come Learn with Me event in March

Funded class trips (free of charge)

Funded transport – transition events and festivals (free of charge)

Supported transport for swimming (free of charge)

Funded lunch/after school clubs (all free of charge)

Family Engagement

Come Learn with Me –

Promoting writing across the school

Principal Teacher Update

Nursery Transition:

- **Received 15 enrolments to date**
- **4 of these are for placing requests out, or are seeking alternative provision, and 1 is a deferral**
- **This means we currently have 10 confirmed P1s due to start**
- **We are aware of 3 possible placing requests in to the school**
- **If all placing request out and all placing requests in are granted, we potentially currently have 13 pupils due to start in August**
- **This number could change - we are unaware of any other placing requests in at this time**
- **Our transition programme starts at the end of this month for children who have enrolled with us**
- **We have 6 transition event dates and these dates have been shared with families**
- **The first transition event will be on Wednesday 31st Jan and last one will be on Wednesday 12th June**
- **Transition events all have different themes with curriculum links and the last one in June will provide an opportunity for children to meet their P1 teacher**
- **A meeting with Westburn Nursery has been arranged for the start of February to plan further transition opportunities. Hoping to link in with Upstairs Kids Klub for this purpose too.**

Accreditation

- We are continuing to work towards our Silver Level Reading Schools Accreditation
- Cambuslang Library visits begin this Friday where all classes will have the chance to go along between now and the start of March
- some of our reading leaders have been working on developing outdoor book boxes to create an outdoor library. They are working on posters and signage to share with the rest of the school with the hope of having this up and running in the next week or so
- Another aspect of the Reading Schools programme is providing pupils with access to authors
- We were successful with our application to receive Live Literature funding which will go towards an author visit to the school. We have been in talks with an author and are hoping to secure a date before the end of March. If funding is not used by then, we lose it
- Our P6 class took part in an Authors Live event (Tue 16th Jan) with the author Joseph Coelho who was showing children how to build their own poems and carrying out a reading of his new story, 'Our Tower'.

Finance Update:

<u>Balance Brought Forward</u>			<u>£1,753.47</u>
<u>January 2024 Meeting</u>	In	Out	
Zoom Subscription December & January		£ 31.18	
<u>Closing Balance</u>			<u>£1,722.29</u>

As of 13/01/2024

AOCB:

P7 hoodies £25 x 20 = £500 possibly 18 kids
 School will pay £200 parent council £300
 Put disclaimer re ties on hoody so we don't have to remove.
 Hopefully can give it out before residential.

Date of next meeting: Feb 6th in school and zoom

