

## **KILLERMONT PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL**

### **Minutes 18 November 2024 (Draft)**

#### **1. Welcome and apologies**

**Present:** JH, RS, SR, GS, CL, SM, FM, CH, Councillor Gallagher

**Apologies:** JK, RD, KT, JT

#### **2. Minutes of previous meeting**

Agreed.

#### **3. Other matters arising**

- The Parent's Council received an update on the parking situation from Councillor Gallagher (appended to this minute).
- Traffic Free schools is being rolled out and Councillor Gallagher will check it if it would be possible for KPS to be included in this.
- There had been plans for a mandatory speed limit of 20mph around schools across the country, but this has been devolved to councils to implement. EDC have plans to make the majority of road in Bearsden a 20mph zone, and this will impact the roads around the school, with the exemption of Rannoch Drive. Parent Council members were concerned by this as they thought this was the busiest and most dangerous road around the school and a road which most pupils use. This was particularly concerning given that both Milngavie Road and Boclair Road have a proposed 20mph speed limit. The current plans will be put out to statutory and then public consultation and parents can contribute to this consultation.
- The Parent Council reiterated that they would welcome the presence of community wardens at the school at the start and end of the school day to view the parking situation and to demonstrate to parents that this is being monitored.
- Pavement parking legislation is being brought into force from the end of November. No exemptions apply within the vicinity of KPS. There are challenges in relation to enforcement of this which will be within the remit of traffic wardens (unless it is dangerous parking in which case it becomes a police matter).

#### **4. Chairperson's report and correspondence**

##### **Parent Council Forum**

The forum was on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, topics discussed included:

- Whole Family Wellbeing fund
- Child mental health
- Child poverty
- Attendance
- Drug and alcohol misuse

It was noted there is a variety of support available for pupils who need this, including an educational psychologist who is tied to the school and visits

regularly. This is also support for P6 and P7 pupils through Lifeline and Spark. Some parent council members thought it would be helpful for parents to know that a referral to an educational psychologist is available through the school.

The CIRCLE (Child Inclusion Research into Curriculum Learning Education) was discussed. This relates to every child's right to education and to be part of their community. It was noted that child additional support needs have increased post covid from 30.9% to 37%. The CIRCLE framework is being brought into the classroom.

### **Parents Evening**

At Parents Evening the feedback received from parents was that updates from the Parent Council through the monthly newsletters was acceptable and satisfactory. Email seemed to be the most popular method of communication, along with the updates in the newsletter. Members thought a reminder of the purpose of the Parents Council would be useful in the next newsletter. It was suggested that some videos involving pupils discussing the work of parent council and the issues the council are discussing, such as parking and school meals, would be a good way of getting the message out.

Some parents responded they would like more information on Twitter. It was noted that there is more communication on Seesaw now compared to previously, when Twitter was used more frequently. The issue of not having permission for many pupils' photos to be used on twitter was noted.

It was suggested an anonymous online form could be a method of gaining feedback. This could be done a couple of weeks prior to a meeting, informing parents of what will be discussed and asking for input and feedback on this. The questions to be asked on such a form will be discussed at the next Parent Council meeting.

## **5. Head Teacher's report and correspondence**

### **Climate 180**

- Mrs McLaren made an application for the Climate 180 initiative, which will be run in 180 schools. KPS has had their application for this programme accepted. This will result in high quality training for some teachers and higher quality climate education in the school. This will include sustainability being embedded in the curriculum.

### **Quality Improvement Officer**

- The Quality Improvement Officer (QIO) visited the school. A projection of attainment across the school is being worked on. Tracking meetings across the school will be completed prior to Christmas. The quality of evidence considered in this process will be reviewed. Challenge for planning for able learners will be considered, as there is a statutory right for such children to be just as supported as other learners.

**Festive Calendar**

- This is currently being worked on.

**6. AOCB**

None.

**Scheduled dates and times of next meetings:**

20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 at 6:45pm in Boclair Academy  
3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 at 6:45pm in Boclair Academy  
19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 6:45pm in Boclair Academy

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Update on parking around the school: Received by email 24.10.24 from Cllr Ian Gallagher

Dear Christine and Shadan,

I hope this finds you well. I have received the below from the roads department about problem parking and traffic concerns that were raised at the meeting of parent council at the start of the current school year.

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1. Is it possible to install a set of traffic lights to form a crossing between Buchanan Drive and Glendaruel as lots of pupils use this as part of their walk to school?
    - a. It would not be physically possible to install a crossing at this location and meet the safe distance required for drivers to prevent accidents.
  2. Previously I met with officers and the police who advised me that the white lines on Kinnaird Crescent and Aviemore Gardens; if these lines have faded would it be allowed for the schools PTA to help finance the repair? – Roads Inspector
    - a. No, the Service will inspect road markings at the location and if the lines require refreshed then this will be added to the Roads Network Operations Teams lining programme. However, if you are referencing access protection markings at private driveways there is a charge for this and I have attached the link for your awareness - [Dropped kerb | East Dunbartonshire Council](#)
- Please note if you want a new access protection marking or to refresh an old one, there is now a £160 charge. This is in addition to cost of dropping the kerb. This will be invoiced after the works are carried out.

If have any queries please contact:

  - Road Traffic Officers on 0300 123 4510
- b.
    3. At the corners within Kinnaird Crescent and Aviemore Gardens would it be possible to install a white or double yellow lines on the corners to avoid people parking there to help improve safety?
      - a. Kinnaird Crescent has extensive lining but see 2. Officers will consider white markings at the junction of Aviemore Gardens and Kinnaird Crescent once an evaluation of the traffic free schools' pilot has been carried out, as this may impact Killermont PS.
    4. Given the narrowness of the roads and problem parking in the area- what is the likely impact going to be of the pavement parking ban and if residents are minded pursuing an exemption- how would they go about this?
      - a. I can advise that this location was reviewed as part of the initial consultant's report, and it would not qualify for an exemption as these are standard width residential roads close to the school that could not accommodate parked vehicles and retain an unobstructed 1.5m wide strip for non-vehicular traffic flow. Once the impact of the pavement parking ban is understood, officers may consider mitigation, such as restricting parking to one side of the road. This will require a traffic

regulation order. If parents block the road, this would be a matter for Police Scotland.”

As an additional measure the council’s PNCA committee recently considered a report on 20mph speed limits in residential areas and near schools. This is currently out for statutory consultation with a future consultation on the required TRO being brought forward to give effect to the TRO. Appendix 2 contains the details of all the roads affected.

I hope this helps provide some answers to your questions and if there is anything I can assist with please do let me know.

Kind regards,

Ian

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