

KILLERMONT PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes 20 January 2025 (Draft)

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: CD, RJ, LM, CL, KT, GS, Cllr Moody, Cllr Gallagher, CH, FM, SM, SR, JA, RS

Apologies: JK, RD, JT

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were agreed.

Noted that Rannoch Drive had been added to the roads to be included in the 20mph pilot.

3. Other matters arising

- The HT has been sending videos to parents with school updates.
- The videos for pupils about the work of the Parent Council will be worked on.

4. Chairperson's report and correspondence

Nothing to report.

5. Head Teacher's report and correspondence

- December was a busy month with various activities.

Transition

- The focus now moves to transitions. In relation to early years into P1, FM has been spending time in the Killermont EYC. The post transition feedback from last year was positive so no significant changes are planned. There will be additional information shared with parents and carers on child protection.
- A calendar of events is planned for the P7 transition. Some Boclair teachers have visited KPS and delivered a few sessions. There will be 3 inductions days. The day in February will have a Business and STEM focus. 2 full days will take place in May, with 1 day being a curricula day with a full timetable and the second day being focused on sport. There will be a parent information evening, and those pupils getting an enhanced transition already know of plans for this. There will be a bigger involvement with the guidance team at Boclair than there has been previously which should be positive.

Tracking meetings

- Tracking meetings have taken place with each child discussed, both in comparison against classmates and against national standards. Teachers and classroom assistants will be providing additional targeted support where this has been identified as necessary.
- Looking to branch out to other curricula areas, not just literacy and numeracy, as part of this tracking in future.

- Health and Wellbeing was looked at as part of the tracking discussions. This allowed more effective targeting of the SPARK sessions. Ongoing work with the Lifelinks support continues.

The Circle

- Finding this useful but not massively impactful. Have worked with Torrance Primary School to see how they are using this and to see if issues are similar across the schools (which does appear to be the case).

STEM

- Some awareness raising has been done with the pupils on STEM and what this is.
- The EDC champion for STEM is doing training with staff both next Wednesday and at the next inservice day.
- The PTA have funded some STEM resources, such as a coding robot.

Social Media

- There has been a change to the T&Cs for Twitter/X which has resulted in the school not putting pictures on this platform (as the new T&Cs mean they then own the images). The Parent Council suggested the reason for this be shared with parents. The School hoped there would be some council wide guidance on this but this has not been made available yet. More information, including pictures, will be shared on SEESAW in the meantime. This platform however is relatively expensive, which both an overall annual fee and a fee payable per pupil (£5.75). There is a free version, but this doesn't have the same storage capacity. It is not thought however that this feature is key, so this free option will be considered.
- Parent Council members suggested that this might be a good time to do a wider consultation on how communications are sent, as there is a feeling that parents prefer a reduced number of communication methods.

Smart Watches

- A reminder was sent to parents that these are not allowed to be used during school hours. Teachers are being vigilant to ensure any issues are noted. The watches could be put on school mode which meant only the time function was operational. So far this has not caused issues.

Car park

- A teacher had a close shave with a pupil in the car park, thankfully the car was going very slow, but it once again highlighted the dangers.
- Pupils were reminded of the need to be safe and careful around the car park and surrounding roads.
- JRSOs are revamping the parking charter and they are also planning to make a video promoting road safety.
- It was suggested it could be helpful to record near misses so there are some metrics around this. Noting how many cars use the car park for drop off who do not have permission to do this could be included.
- Pupils cycling unsafely was also raised as a concern. This would be raised with P6 and P7 during bikability.

6. Councillor Update

- The PNCA (Place, Neighbourhoods and Corporate Assets) Committee takes place on Thursday 23rd January. A report will be given on Traffic Free Schools and the 3 pilots which have taken place. The report is supportive of proceeding with another 3 pilot schools. Such a pilot would restrict driving around school start and end times unless you have a permit (only for residents or business owners in that area; teachers/school staff do not get a permit). It was suggested KPS could indicate interest in being in the next run of pilots, especially given in the initial pilot no schools in Bearsden were included. Councillor Gallagher will look into whether KPS can be considered; this would be helped if a letter from the Parent Council was received by the Councillors to make representation on behalf of the Parent Council. Penalty notices are given to those who are caught breaking the rules of the zone. Parent Council members were advised to read the report to consider both the pros and cons (item 13, page 369 of the PNCA papers).
- Rannoch Drive is now included in the list of roads in the 20mph zone pilot. The consultation has been to committee who approved this, the Council has now also approved this. An order is awaited, at which point residents can object to this. If objections are received this is then considered by Councillors along with consideration of those who support the implementation of the zone.

7. AOCB

- Some parents had commented on the amount of days prior to Christmas when pupils were required to bring in money (during a particular week both the pop up shop and the P4 enterprise challenge took place with pupils wanting to bring in money for both days). The amount of money was not so much of an issue, rather it was parents not having change when needed for all of the various activities and/or pupils being upset if parents had forgotten to give them money. Parent Council members asked if an app could be used to pay for charity donations rather than needing to give money. Teachers have also commented on the logistics of fitting in enterprise activities at a busy time of year, so this will be further considered.
- P4 parents have noted that there seems to be recurring headlice. FM informed members that if the school are aware of a particular issue they do follow up to ensure that treatment is being given. It was noted that treatment can be supplied for free at the pharmacy through pharmacy first.

Scheduled dates and times of next meetings:

3rd March 2025 at 6:45pm in Boclair Academy

19th May 2025 at 6:45pm in Boclair Academy