

Humbie Primary School
Parent-Teacher Council Meeting
18th September 2019

Present:, Kirsten Pearson (Principle Teacher), Alison Cameron (Head-Teacher),
Caroline Kirk, Jennifer Edward, Christelle Baillie, Luke Dalrymple, Shamin Akhtar
(Councillor), Ian Young, James McCann, Tracy McCullagh

1) Head Teacher's Report

please see Appendix 1

2) AGM

- a. **Chair** – (co-chairs) Luke Dalrymple & Christelle Baillie
- b. **Elected members**
 - Iain Lawrie
 - Ian Young
 - Tracy McCullagh
 - James McCann
- c **Clerk** - Caroline

3) Nursery Update

a. closure

It was decided that the response from the Council in regards to the request for the criteria which was used to make the decision to temporarily suspend the nursery was unacceptable. The Parent council wil now be taking this further with plans to contact the council Head.

b. applications

We are encouraging everyone to let all interested parties know that applications for spots at Humbie Nursery can still be submitted. The more applications by the time it comes round to reviewing the temporary closure in January the more chance there is of reopening the nursery.

4) East Lothian Courier Article

Shamin Akhtar explained that at the meeting, where the journalist from East Lothian Courier (Mhairi Sharp) got her information for her article, there was absolutely no mention of closing rural schools. The meeting actually highlighted positive aspects about the school-wide review and how it is important that this is done so that the Council can access funding for the education in East Lothian. The article was only mentioning the negatives that *could* happen and it only referenced that at one point rural school closures were being looked at, but not at this meeting.

5) Future Meeting Dates

Wednesday 13th November

6) AOB

a. Menus

We are inviting parents to comment on the school dinner menus and e-mail them to Caroline and she will relay them to Pamela Fraser at the Council.

b. Paint Classroom

The parent council and teaching staff are looking at the budget given for painting the classroom and maybe see if we can fund raise or ask about the area partnership for financial assistance for it.

c. Public Entertainment Licence

This year the cost of the licence required for the fireworks has increased by 380%. Shamin Akhtar has said that she will look into this as to why

Recruitment – Current Vacancies

1) Playground Supervisor

2) Learning Assistant

Appendix 1

Humbie Senior Leadership Team Report

Parent Council – Wednesday 18th September 2019

1.3 Leadership of Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shared CAT sessions and planning sessions between staff across the 3 schools – working very well.• Kevin McKenzie, our Acting Deputy Head will commence on Monday 23rd September 2019. His base school will be Saltoun Primary School but he will work across all three over the course of the week. His first couple of weeks will be about him getting to know that staff, children and parents.• Kirsten Pearson (KHP) is out of class on a Wednesday. This day is currently covered by Gina Bancroft, whom the children are familiar with. This position will be advertised this coming Friday• Nigel Bird, Support for Learning teacher continues to work with us on a Tuesday pm. His workload is constantly reviewed to ensure he is supporting children appropriately. This term he is supporting pupils with spelling and writing.• Lyndsey Morrison has been appointed as Classroom Assistant. She started at the beginning of the academic year and is settling in well. LM is working 25 hours per week.• Interviews recently took place for RH's replacement and Sharon Marr was the successful candidate. She is due to start on Monday 23rd September and will be working 16.5 hours. The last few weeks have been covered by Sally Mulroy, who fitted into the team really well. The staff are very grateful for all her hard work over the last few weeks.• Delighted to report that Evelyn Anderson will continue to support the school over the next few months and will be present in school on a Thursday and Friday.• After many years at Humbie Primary School, Marion King has decided to retire. Her last working day will be Thursday 10th October. An advert for her replacement went live on www.myjobscotland.gov.uk on Friday. This position is advertised for 25 hours. This will mean that the office is manned Monday – Thursday from 8:30 – 3:30 pm.• Bobby Kirk has settled well into his SFA role and does a fabulous job around the school each week. As Angela is currently off sick (2 weeks) he is also cleaning and serving lunches for us at the moment as well. Thank you to BK ☺• P1s are settling well in to school life at Humbie Primary
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	<p>School. As well as learning in the main classroom with the rest of the class they are also spending time in the ‘Play Zone’ daily to ensure that they continue to get play opportunities and active learning opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Improvement Plan has been created for 2019 – 2020. This is a joint plan across Humbie, Saltoun and Elphinstone. Plan shared. • Slight changes made to the Committees this academic year. We will continue to meet monthly with our focus being Eco (going for our next green flag), JRSO and Playground. There will be a big focus on our playground this year as we continue to build on the good work that has been done to date. Thank you for JE and volunteers for painting the planters and more recently the bench and to the PTA for agreeing to purchase a new shed. KHP is keen to put involve parents/family members in our Playground Committee and has been liaising with Kelly Clarke, Loose Parts Play Development Officer. • KHP will attend the Scottish Learning Festival next Wednesday at SEC, Glasgow.
<p>2.2 Curriculum</p> <p>2.3 Learning, Teaching and Assessment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P1 – P6 timetable has been established for the term. This will be flexible to suit other planned activities, visitors, etc. to the school. Science, Art and Outdoor Learning continue to be important to the class. • Mrs McLeod is with us for Term 1 (until November) and has focused on printing, colour mixing, using different mediums to date. It is anticipated that some of this work will form the basis of our Art Gallery next year. (This has been pencilled in for the beginning of June 2020). • Ms Nicholson, P.E. Specialist is also with us for Term 1 (until November). She is delivering Basic Moves with P1 – P2 and Invasion Games with P3 – P6 with a focus on resilience and spatial awareness. New equipment has recently been purchased, with support from PTA, to supplement equipment in the Village Hall. KHP delivers an additional P.E. session to P3 – P6 on a Thursday afternoon. As well as this, the class continue to take part in the Daily Mile on a Tuesday and a Friday morning. KHP hopes to be able to organise some competitive sports opportunities with Saltoun and/or Elphinstone over the course of the year. • Term 1 mini-topic has been Transport and Travel and this will now develop into Space Travel. It is anticipated that a trip to the National Museum of Flight will take place before the October holidays. • Baseline assessments have taken place in spelling (Single

Word Spelling Test) and reading (Accelerated Reader). These are undertaken at the start of every academic year to guide teaching and learning and will be repeated in January 2020. Data is recorded and progress over time is tracked. Other assessments are ongoing, as appropriate.

- SSPCA visited on Friday 30th August. KHP led a session with P1 – P2 pupils whilst the SSPCA Officer spoke with the children about
- KHP requested the support of RBS Volunteers to deliver Money Sense workshops. P1 – P3 took part in a Smoothie workshop on Friday 6th September and P3 – P6 will take part in a Party Planning workshop on Friday 20th September.
- P3 – P6 took part in BBC Authors Live on Thursday 12th September and enjoyed listening to Konnie Huq talk about her first book. Reading for pleasure continues to be a focus at Humbie and all pupils enjoyed their day out at the Book Festival. P1 – P2 listened to the inspiring Rob Biddulph and P3 – P6 took part in a workshop with Steve Cole, who was “better than David Walliams.” Thank you to the PTA for supporting us to buy 25 new books for the school library.
- KHP submitted two bids to Outdoor Education for support this academic year. Both bids were successful and she will be meeting with Martyn Pegg from OE Service to discuss the plans in more detail. Plan A was for support to build on the teaching and learning of Orienteering that took place last year in P.E and the other is to deliver a Camp Out (as per previous years) in the Summer term. It is anticipated that the Camp Out will be in conjunction with Saltoun and Elphinstone Primary Schools and will be viewed as a transition activity.
- KHP has signed up to take part in Connecting Classrooms CLPL. This is organised by Learning for Sustainability and British Council. The programme encourages schools to make connections with other schools in UK or abroad and to work together on a project linked to the Sustainable Development Goals. She has some ideas which will build on the work that the school has done to date on Climate Change.

Dates for the Diary...

- P4 – P6 will take part in Circular Economy Challenge. This is organised by DYW and Young Enterprise Scotland. Pupils from Saltoun and Humbie will be visiting Ormiston P.S. on Wednesday 25th September for the initial session.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 pupils (to be confirmed) will attend the annual JRSO meeting at Port Seton Community Centre on Friday 27th September. • Harvest Festival date is still to be confirmed. Information will go out soon.
<p>3.1 Improving well-being, equality and inclusion</p> <p>3.2 Raising Attainment and Achievement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching and support staff attended an excellent CLPL session led by Pivotal Education on Tuesday 13th August. This has led to Humbie, Saltoun and Elphinstone working together to develop their behaviour policy/expectations for behaviour. Initial thoughts have been shared with P1 – P6 and are being received positively. Consistency is key and the ‘Humbie Way’ will be shared with ALL staff (including visiting specialist teachers). • Achievements, both inside and outside school, continue to be celebrated. Achievements will be shared on Twitter as well as at school assemblies and on our Achievement Wall.