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South Park Parent Council
Minutes

Monday 2nd November 6-7pm

In Attendance: Ritchie Noble, Kirsty Hutchison, Pamela Sneddon, Natalie Whiting, Shauvvone Galbraith, Nicola Brown, Yvonne Donaldson (AHT) and Mairi McGinty (Co-opted SLT)

Agenda Item	Update / Action
Welcome and Introductions	• Mrs Donaldson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for giving their time. • Introductions were made around the table.
Key Aims of Parent Council / Connect Membership	• Mrs Donaldson explained the purpose of the Parent Council (PC) and issued members with the 'Working Together to Support Your Child's Learning' document. She highlighted that by working together, we can achieve the best outcomes and experiences for all the South Park Children. • Election of Office Bearers: Chair Person - Ritchie Noble (previously elected) Vice Chair – Shauvvone Galbraith and Nicola Brown (joint role) Secretary – Natalie Whiting Treasurer – Pamela Sneddon • Mrs Donaldson issued current PC constitution and asked everyone to read over it for the next meeting so and changes to be made can be discussed.
School Update – School Improvement Plan: Community Calendar	• Mrs Donaldson shared the South Park Community Engagement Calendar with members and explained how South Park is developing its links with the local community. Mrs McGinty spoke about the strong bond that is being developed with Meldrum Gardens Care home and the impact this is having on the children. • The school is keen to have local businesses involved in sponsoring new sports kits for the football team, netball team and athletics team – Ritchie Noble will speak to some friends about this. • Possibility of adding a diversity day into the calendar. • PC members have volunteered to help with the Nativity Lunch and in the Cosy Cafée at Parents Night.

	• There will be a different focus on school improvement each meeting
Communication – School to Parents and Parent Council to Parents/Carers	• Mrs Donaldson informed members that email and Parents Portal are the only methods of communication now that that school app has gone. This is due to the company who provided the app going out of business. There have been issues with many parents/carers not receiving emails for one reason or another and Parents Portal can be quite clunky and not user friendly. We are on the look out for something else and PC members mentioned a variety of different methods, but due to GDPR, many of these options are unavailable to us. We will look in to the possibility of building our own app, but this would need to be approved by SLC. Parents and Carers are encouraged to complete the survey that has been issued in this month's SWAY.
AOB	• PC member raised issue of no school photographs been taken yet. Mrs Donaldson said there were plans in place for this and that this would be done inhouse again this year as the cost of professional photographs is becoming so expensive. It is hoped that these will take place indoors in the coming weeks and be available to parents/carers in time for the festive season.

Date of the next meeting: Monday 7th December 2026