

Parent Voice Meeting

Date of Meeting	11/03/2025	Venue	Online
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NAME	EMAIL/PHONE NUMBER	PRESENT /REPORT SUBMITTED
Jane Geddes	jane.geddes@hotmail.co.uk	Present
Kirsty Watt	kirsty.watt@hotmail.com	Present
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Katherine Behl	katherine.behl@gmail.com	Present
Jack Allsopp	Jack.allsopp@oaklands.edin.sch.uk	Present
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Clare Warwick	Clare.warwick@oaklands.edin.sch.uk	Present
Rebecca Vaughan	Rebecca.vaughan@oaklands.edin.sch.uk	Present

Everyone's Views

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Talking Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductions and greetings. Apologies from Monika Zalega and Kimberley Swan.
	<p>House Keeping:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - City-wide special needs schools meeting happens three times a year. Parent representatives attend this to share information regarding SEN schools. Oaklands Parent Voice (PV) to meet before these to agree what is to be shared. Jane will push the fact that Social Care and Education are directly linked, and issues may be shared. - Positions must be agreed and notified. PV funds to be passed to Friends of Oaklands Charity. Jane will continue in Chair role and Kirsty will carry on in an advisory position after Eilidh leaves Oaklands. Jack and Rachela to continue in secretarial roles. All agreed. - PV has £291 that was from a Council fund. Jane and Kirsty will meet to organise finances and share money to Friends of Oaklands - Dates of the city-wide meetings have been changed to that they are no longer before the Education Committee meaning information and issues are not as easily shared. Jane will ask for this to be changed back.
	<p>Issues and Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saturday Socials are great - There are still issues with continence care (see previous minutes)
	<p><u>Holiday Hub:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Budget of £900k was maintained and additional money was added for administration purposes - Emails for Summer Holiday Support have been sent out to parents but not to providers - Braidburn hub will not be running this summer but unsure where this information came from as even councillors were unaware of this information. Cancellation hugely impacts all families that need nursing level care at Holiday Hubs - Councillor Evan Hyslop has called an emergency meeting to clarify Braidburn situation and communication issues on 20th March

- PV must collect data on how many students have been affected this decision
- Even though the budget has not been changed, it is being offered to more people, so it is a decrease in budget for Oaklands students. Mainstream students get access to after school clubs and breakfast clubs as well as holiday activities so there is not equity on opportunities offered. Must be assessed on a needs-by-needs basis
- How has this been impact assessed?
- Council do not provide After School Clubs or Breakfast Clubs due to transport issues, but they have also described Oaklands students as “out of scope”
- Parents should let Holiday Support know if a young person cannot attend as soon as possible so that the space can be offered elsewhere
- What reasonable adjustments are being put in place due to health issues and disability
- Suggest that there is a cancellation policy within Holiday Support

Schools' allocation

- Mention in city-wide meeting that Oaklands must be dedicated to complex and vulnerable young people and continue to give highly specialised care and education
- 11k new houses being built in 2030 plan. Ask how they are planning school placement for young people with additional needs
- Changing profiles of ASN schools makes the education and schools unsuitable for its current student
- Circulate an email so that all parents can comment and invite councillors to city-wide meetings and PV meetings
- Thought has not been made to the people within the houses, just the houses themselves
- Talk to meeting about how the Council gathers data and interrogates it
- Let the meeting know that a formal letter will be coming to the Council and that a response is expected

- An email about issues surrounding Transport from Monika Zalega was read out
- Council transport policy seems to be at odds with other policies surrounding clean air and traffic.
- Suggest that funding buses would reduce emissions and traffic
- Gather data on this and suggest to Green Party for increased budget

Section 7 – Action Plan

Actions to be taken	Who?	By when?
Raise issues at City-wide meeting	Jane	
Find out when Braidburn decision was made and why so many people are unaware		
Collect data on how many Oaklands Students affected by Braidburn decision		
Raise issues of lack of clubs for SEN students with council		
Suggest Holiday Support cancellation Policy		
Discover what reasonable adjustments are being made for health issues and disabilities		
Request that Oaklands, and other SEN schools, are kept specialised and not diluted		
Produce letter to be sent to Council and City-wide meetings	Leke and Eni	

Minutes completed by	Job Title	Date
Jack Allsopp	Family Link Worker	30/01/2025

Date of Next Meeting	Time	Venue
01/04/2025	12:30	Online