

Crossmichael Primary School Parent Council (PC)
Minutes - Monday 13th January 2025 at 7pm at Crossmichael Primary School
Minutes taken by Larissa Wheeler

1. **Apologies** – Natalie Richards, Sarah Cooper
2. **Attendees** – Ben Wild (Chair), Lucy Wilson (Treasurer), Larissa Wheeler (Secretary), Kim Glover (Headteacher), Shani McMiken, Hazel Scout, Hannah Green.
3. **Approval of minutes of last meeting** – Larissa proposed the minutes, seconded by Shani. They were accepted as an accurate record of the last meeting.
4. **Chairperson's Report** – Not a lot to report. Ben has been talking with some people from the Rural and Small Schools Parent council Alliance to hear some perspectives on the recently changed criteria to assess schools for potential closure. Interesting points raised.
5. **Head Teachers Report:**
 - The Christmas Show was a success and raised £275.96 for school funds
 - We are continuing to engage the whole school community in self-evaluation activities. The pupils take part in a 10 4 10 @ 10 group on a Friday morning where Mrs Glover meets with 10 different children from across the school for 10 minutes at 10am. An example is that this week we shared the Anti-bullying policy for the children to add their voice.
 - The Anti Bullying Policy has been developed and will be shared with our wider community this week. This follows on from staff training from Respect me: Scotland's Anti-Bullying service.
 - All staff have undertaken the second part of training for The Promise. This is Scotland commitment to ensuring care experienced children grow up feeling loved, cared for and respected.
 - Children across the school are taking part in Burns/Scot Poetry recitals, this will be used as a planned listening and talking assessment. The winners from each stage will perform at assembly and the Haggis Drive.
 - Topics/Interdisciplinary Learning this term have been chosen by the children P1/2/3 - rainforest, P3/4/5 Chocolate, P5/6 China, P6/7 The Romans.
 - Mrs Glover will begin the staffing exercise with the local authority for session 25/26 this will follow on from the P1 enrolments for Crossmichael.
 - Tesco tokens box is in for Crossmichael to raise much needed funds for the new Playpark. This will run from January to March.
6. **Treasurer's Report** – Nothing significant to report, the current balance is £1290.19.
7. **Fundraising** - Haggis Drive, see below. Lucy heard back from Black Craigs regarding the application asking for some funding to reinstate the community play park next to the school. They wanted some more information regarding insurance and maintenance policies before they can give a final decision. Lucy will continue to liaise with them until a final decision is made.
8. **Haggis Drive** coming up on the 6th Feb, 6-8pm. The children will recite their Scots poems in the interval and decorate the dinner hall prior to the event. Teas and coffees to be served. Jobs were allocated and ongoing communication will be through the parent council Whatsapp chat.

Lucy – distribute posters, buy prizes.

Hazel – email Cynthia to arrange getting the chairs from the village hall.

Kim - organise the children to make a 100 square. Collect chairs from the hall. Send out a request for raffle and bottle stall prizes and home baking donations.

Ben – book the use of the school hall through school lets. Borrow an urn for tea and coffees.

Larissa – arrange to borrow Tartan table cloths from Kells primary. Borrow cups if needed.

- 9. School Trip** – Discussion was had over what type of school trip to have next term. It was thought that the Walby Farm Park trip/big trip could be every 2nd year as it's very expensive. The idea of a whole school beach trip was discussed. To be discussed more at the next meeting.

- 10. AOBs** – None

- 11. Date of next AGM** – Monday 28th April 2025, 7pm.