

Dalbeattie Primary and Nursey Parent Council AGM

19th September 2024

Present

Mrs Duncan – HT.(ED)

Valerie White (VW)

Kim Kalotka(KK)

Tracey Hall. (TH)

Demi Burgess(DB)

Amy Bell (AB)

Jenna Whalen(JW)

Lyndsay Sloan (LS)

Brenda Clayton (BC)

Paula McMinn (PM)

Davie Stitt (DS)

Jane Porteous (JP)

Apologies

Ian Blake (IB)

Wendy Murray(WM)

Kim Lowe (KM)

Helen Stone (HS)

Minutes of Meeting

- **Welcome**

VW welcomed everyone to the meeting. Actions from previous meeting:

Minutes agreed from previous meetings September 23 and April 24

Treasury Report

Balance £3104.31

Council money for the 2024/25 has been added to the account – no rules/guidance on the spending of this money

Money has already been paid out of account to cover P7 Calculators and P1 Book bags.

Annual Headteachers Report

23/24

School is moving forward from the Inspection and putting positive changes in place

10 classes – 2 new members of staff including Miss Dooley DHT in September

Behaviour challenges managed

Regular updates of Blog Pages

Reporting – Nov Parents night, Feb drop-ins, June report all positively received

Attainment data for P1,P4 and P7 sent to the government – shared throughout the year with staff – improvements continually being made to keep raising attainment.

P4 and P7 were part of a writing project

Budgets – all budgets managed efficiently

PEF – 2 x LSA, Quarriers support, Teacher (1 day)

SIP – Change to targets due to inspection report – 24/25 will be sent out to all

Focus on – Rights Respecting Schools and Anti Bullying Policy

24/25

Pupils and staff have settled in well after summer return

Miss McMyn welcomed into P1/2

Interviews to be held for Nurse Staff – Manager, Nurse and 2x early years support workers

Revisit from Inspectors – no date as of yet

Consultation to School days – complete returns (Parents/Staff/Pupils)

Mrs Duncan attended appeal panel for LSA – small extra given – school balanced out hours through use of PEF

Thanks given to Parent Council for support and money given to the school

Chairperson Report

Fantastic to see new members attending

Fundraising from 23/24 (bingo, discos, coffee morning) all very successful – well organised and great teamwork between committee members

Where Inspection Report was disappointing – school has the support of Parent Council and wider community

VW contact Welfare Support Worker – post leaflets to support families with financial support

Election of Office Bearers

ChairPerson – V. White (Continued role)

Secretary – K Kalotka (Continued role)

TH to end role as Treasurer

L. Sloan elected as new treasurer

Amendments to Constitution:

Title – Dalbeattie Primary and Nursey Parent Council (Inclusion of Nursey)

Nursery to be represented throughout the constitution

Change from Chairman to Chairperson

Consultation on School Day

Engagement events held throughout the region – Cluster night event held at Dalbeattie Learning Campus

Individual viewpoints – no avenue for parent council views

All views in by 11th October 24

Opportunities for pupils and staff to do this during the school day

Fundraising

- ED (HT) reported back that staff did not see the benefits of a new App to replace Class Dojo and wanted to continue to make use of the school Blog
- ED (HT) to look at Parent Portal as another potential option and evaluate based on reviews from the High School
- Agreement from Parent Council to donate £2500 from funds to the Primary school – ED (HT) to ask staff for ideas on how to split and spend the funds
- Discussions around using the money for school trips - cost of buses can be a major factor as well as getting parent helpers
- Discussions around school photos – members asking about potential of sibling photos with school and nursery pupils – can be logistical issues in arranging
- Nursery Uniforms - polo shirts and fleeces available on Trends websites

Facebook Post to Nursery Parents to be put on giving details on how to order

- Lost property – outside on Friday afternoons for parents to check through

Fundraising Events 24/25

Halloween Disco – Thursday 7th Nov

February Disco – Thursday 27th Feb

Coffee Morning – Saturday 22nd March 2025

Bingo – Thursday 1st May 2025

Christmas Fayre – (proposed date: 3rd Dec) – tombola: 10 items per member

KK to organise posters for events

Organisation to take place over WhatsApp

AOB

JW shared concerns over some ways that pupils are rewarded for positive behaviours and good work (eg the wearing of a onesie in school) – aim of school should be to promote school uniform

ED (HT) to discuss with teachers but stated that all teachers have their own classroom rewards systems that work well and encourage the children

PMcM asked about the younger pupils P1/2 having access to the Mugga to play football

ED (HT) shared that each year group has their own day on the Mugga and that rotation can take place to allow for all year groups

Discussion around play equipment and use of equipment in the she eg skipping ropes.

Climbing frame in playground has rotten beam and therefore is out of use.

ED (HT) to ask staff and pupils about the use of Parent Council money to buy outdoor playground equipment.

Date of next meeting set for Thursday 21th November 7pm