

## **Dalbeattie Primary and Nursey Parent Council**

**21<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

### **Present**

Mrs Duncan – HT.(ED)

Valerie White (VW)

Kim Kalotka(KK)

Tracey Hall. (TH)

Demi Burgess(DB)

Amy Bell (AB)

Lyndsay Sloan (LS)

Brenda Clayton (BC)

Davie Stitt (DS)

Jane Porteous (JP)

Helen Stone (HS)

### **Apologies**

Ian Blake (IB)

Wendy Murray(WM)

Kim Lowe (KM)

Jenna Whalen(JW)

Paula McMinn (PM)

### **Minutes of Meeting**

- **Welcome**

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

Minutes agreed from previous meetings September 24

### **Headteachers Report**

Fundraising - 2 x successful sponsored walks – each class received £200 and extra will be spent within the whole school

Staffing – permanent appointment of Mrs M. Martin as Nursery Manager

Attainment Meetings – ED (HT) meeting with staff to discuss attainment – 4x meeting this year planned

Monitoring of Literacy jotters

Meta skills being taught across the school

Staff school improvement looking at and implementing SYPIC writing

P7 taking part in Heart Start and Operation Safety

P4/5 Upcoming Christmas Show

P4/5 Rugby Tournament with Active Schools

Harvest Assembly

Transition and Halloween Discos

House Points Assembly – Celebration afternoon for Dalmun pupils

Flu Immunisation

Remembrance

Children in Need Activities

Bike-a-bility

Christmas Window Competition – 30 entries (so far)

Christmas Parties

Church service last day of term

(All school events highlighted on school newsletter)

Donation of funds from parent council £2500 – money spend on whole school taking part in performance from Hopscotch Theatre. Feedback from classes on what do with the rest of the money – Staff ideas – Lego sets to be used for Lego therapy. Pupil ideas – huge range from outside play equipment (basket swing, slide, seasaw, outdoor games), large beanbags, trips, variety of toys and fidget toys.

Survey about trips – 17 returns from parents

Amy from Active Schools – setting up sports committee towards Scottish Sports Award

Need for parents to help with after school sports (potential issues with this – working parents) – other organisations that could assist – Dalbeattie Running Club, Golf Club, Dalbeattie Star, Tennis Club, Pickle Ball, Netball, Rugby Club, Bowling Club.

### **Treasury Report**

Balance £3104.31

Council money for the 2024/25 has been added to the account (£168.40) – no rules/guidance on the spending of this money – when making application want to know how money will be used to run parent council.

£2500 paid out to Primary School

£100 donation to R. Kennedy and Physics department for Halloween Disco

£29.70 paid out for juice and crisps

£407 made at disco

### **Current balance £1050.01**

Communication received from Bank of Scotland - new charge of £4.25 per month for all small business accounts. Plus additional costs for paying in & taking out.

Discussion surrounding changing banks – but this could have its own issues. Possibly the way all banks will be going.

### **Chairperson Report**

Family Funding posters sent to VW

Poster to be put up in school, library, community pantry, church hall, initiative.

ED (HT) to email out to parents for privacy

### **Parent Forum**

Council budget

VW went to forum – passed on views of parent council – agreement that schools under 25 to be mothballed – strong objection from rural schools (possible creation of sub group for them)

£30million in cuts

Push responses

Update from education committee - 41/2 day week – not happening – engagement high in consultation 16,000 returns

Communication about SDS careers advisors and links with the primary.

P7 already accessing My World Of Work website for pupil profile for transition to S1

Children Family Services Website Launch – information coming into schools – ED (HT) to link to newsletter when available

Pair of Colvend Parent Council looking to make links with Parent Council – VW to follow up

## **Fundraising**

Christmas Fayre – donation date extended from 22 November to 29<sup>th</sup> November  
Tombola/lucky dip/lucky square – float to be organised by LS

Coffee Morning – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025  
Provisional booking – form to be completed after Christmas for payment and reservation

Valentines Disco – 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025 – R. Kennedy booked

Bingo – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 – AB to ask to borrow Bingo machine

Ask L. Murray to book Huchan Hall for both events

## **AOB**

UNCRC – Bronze Award – Mrs R McClean and Mrs J McClean to take forward

**Date of next meeting set for Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 7pm**