

## Dalbeattie Primary and Nursey Parent Council

8<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### **Present**

Mrs Duncan – HT(ED)

Valerie White (VW)

Kim Kalotka(KK)

Demi Burgess(DB)

Amy Bell (AB)

Lyndsay Sloan (LS)

Jane Porteous (JP)

Michelle Houston (MH)

Jenna Whalen (JW)

Davie Stitt (DS)

### **Apologies**

Alex Howie (AH DHT)

Liezl Lesser (LL)

Ian Blake (IB)

Wendy Murray (WM)

Kim Lowe (KM)

Paula McMinn (PM)

Helen Stone (HS)

Brenda Clayton (BC)

### **Minutes of Meeting**

- **Welcome**

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

Apologies for late cancellation of meeting in December.

Matters Arising:

Ideas to promote the parent Council

- Highlighting of money given to the school – highlighted on Dojo – ED to encourage staff to say on Dojo when activities have been funded by Parent Council.
- Look into costing of Dalbeattie Parent Council Sign (like High School) – AB to message C. Caldow and look at costings

### **Headteachers Report**

#### **Term 2:**

Pupils all settled in classes

Staff absences – consistent cover for this

Attainment meetings held with staff

Classroom Observations by ED – engaged learning, ED jotter monitoring

P7 Bikeability

Active travel breakfasts

P7 Operation Safety

Whole school Sponsored Walk

Floor Curling

Christmas Fayre

P4 Ram Tam Music

Nativity

Church Visit

#### **Term 3:**

Term 3 visit from Rachel Williams to focus on equity

SN Surveys of achievement P4&7

Incas Testing

Pupil Activities/opportunities – all will be included on School Newsletter

Homework review – Staff views, Parent survey and pupil views

General Update: Scots Poems, P6 & P7C took part in Active Travel event leg it to Lapland

Panto - M&M Panto – 29<sup>th</sup> Jan – Beauty and the Beast – cost to school £1300

- Discussions around Parent council contributions, agreed PC would pay £800 and school £500 to save asking parents for a contribution.

## Treasury Report

Balance from last meeting: **£2858.23**

Classroom donations - £2,200.00

Service charge - £4.25

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Hall hire (coffee morning) - £52.20

Halloween Disco float - £60.00

Halloween disco music - £150.00

Halloween disco takings + £373.15

Service charge - £4.25

Xmas fayre takings +£266.60

Service charge - £4.70

Hall hire Halloween disco -£11.25

Current total: **£1007.08**

Discussion around cancelling DJ for Valentines disco and asking S6 pupils from the High School instead.

Look at possibility of using Primary sounds system

JW to ask S6 pupils

MH to cancel DJ previously booked

## **PVG Update**

Clarification of members needing PVGs if helping at events where children will be present without parents eg, school discos.

Not for event s where pupils are expected to come with parents eg coffee morning/bingo

Any new members will need a PVG

KK – no PVG but leaving at summer

JW – no PVG

Budget Consultation

KK attended online meetings regarding proposed budget cuts in the region.

No decision was made just highlighting of proposed cuts for discussion of each point – menti board discussions of points and concerns

30 million in savings needed

PC discussion around playground assistants and the possibility of removing them in the cuts.

### **Fundraising**

**Valentines Disco** – 12<sup>th</sup> February – WhatsApp discussion to organise – KK Posters

**Coffee Morning** – 28<sup>th</sup> February – Town hall booked and paid (£52 from 9am-12pm) – KK Poster

Dojo – information to go out to parents to ask for baking – Microsoft form not successful last year, easier for parents to comment on Dojo post?

Raffle prizes to be handed into School office

P7 helper for the event – ED to organise

**Bingo Night** – 14<sup>th</sup> May

Hall bookings for event (ED to ask office)

Bingo Books

**Paul Jones Football** – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> May – to be organised over WhatsApp nearer the time

### **Parent Forum**

No Update

VW to forward on any updates

Discussed courses available through Parent Connect that are free to all Parent Council members

### **AOB**

CD not in email thread – VW to add her in

AGM – date discussion for June or September? To be discussed at AGM as would need to be changed in the constitution.

**Date of next meeting AGM set for Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 7pm**

