

Dalbeattie Primary and Nursey Parent Council AGM

5th June 2025

Present

Mrs Duncan – (HTED)

Claire Dooley (CD)

Alex Howie (AH)

Valerie White (VW)

Kim Kalotka(KK)

Demi Burgess(DB)

Amy Bell (AB)

Lyndsay Sloan (LS)

Paula McMinn (PM)

Davie Stitt (DS)

Jane Porteous (JP)

Michelle Houston (MH)

Liezl Lesser (LL)

Apologies

Ian Blake (IB)

Wendy Murray(WM)

Kim Lowe (KM)

Helen Stone (HS)

Tracey Hall. (TH)

Jenna Whalen(JW)

Brenda Clayton (BC)

Minutes of Meeting

- **Welcome**

VW welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Parent council approval of 2 policies in relation to PVG scheme.

VW attended online sessions to find out more about new PVG arrangements for Parent Councils – PVG free through Voluntary Disclosure Scotland.

PVG information emailed to PC members from VW prior to meeting

VW proposing two policies to co-exist with the new PVG arrangements:

1. Secure PVG handling policy – VW followed and updated template provided
2. Referral Policy – looking at notifying organisation if removing members

Parent Council to agree on policies: - members in full agreement

Creation of a template for recording members PVG (new and when members leave)

All members need a PVG check for participating events where children are present and decisions regarding children need to be made.

Parents who attend events - made clear that they do not have a role and risk made clear – needs to be a balance.

CD offered VW to see policies and spreadsheet from Rugby club to give some insight.

VW to meet with KK to sign off documentation – VW to then see all members' documentation to sign off – aim to be sent away by 6/5/25

Plan to complete by August – latest October Disco

School crossing patrol

Removal of school crossing patrols across the region

EDHT – has received no formal notification – no date for stopping

Council looking to save £72000

Letter to be sent from N. Simpson to school – nothing received

Petition started by parents/community & Galloway News Article highlighting parental/school concerns (re traffic lights / number of accidents)

Risk Assessment – in relation to traffic and removal

DS to ask for a freedom of information as to how many times the traffic lights have been broken

KK to send concerns from parent council to council representative *(copy in DS, KL, IB)

Breakfast / After-school Clubs

EDHT – no staff capacity – LSA's don't start till 9am

Possibility of Parent Council setting it up themselves?

EDHT to look into other options – eg catering supervision – speak to Lindsay Green and other schools about they run these – needs time to look into this

Gates open at 8:45am – no staff availability before hand

JP shared information from CD Primary – breakfast club x2 days per week – run on LSA goodwill – and provided by the community

Ran previously in Dalbeattie Primary by Mrs Dunlop – funding was provided but not sustainable

One off provision – once per term may be an option

Challenge of afterschool provision

Private providers in school?

Potential of contacting Scruffs at Palnackie to see if there could be an option

Look at potential numbers of parents who would be interested in an option

Possible survey at start of next term to look at afterschool provision.

Fundraising

Discussion for next meeting

SPAR to donate ice-lollies – Wed 2nd at End of term assembly or from Mon 30th at class teacher discretion – approx. 300 ice-lollies for Primary and nursery pupils

Last day Eco Flag celebration. 9th Flag marked by a school treasure hunt and one planet picnic – Focus on sustainability – pupils getting an ice-cream from Glen Urr (local business)

AGM

Actions from previous meeting:

Minutes agreed from previous meeting

Treasury Report

Decisions regarding donation to take place at next meeting

Balance **£2302.83**

Bingo float -£5.00

Bingo & Paul Jones Tuck Shop -£104.02

Bingo Takings +£765.00

Service charge -£8.83

Primary calculators and book bags -£359.15

Paul Jones takings +£353.75

Current balance =£2944.58

Annual Headteachers Report

2024/2025

Inspection Jan 25 – commitment of staff during this time to make it successful and carry on with improvements – positive outcome – improvements forming part of School Improvement Plan

10 classes – staffing: welcomed back Miss Clendinning and Miss Rodgers from maternity leave, Miss McMyn joined P1/2, Mrs Martin permanent Nursey manager – stable throughout the year.

Motivated and engaged learning happening in classes – shared with home with the reintroduction of Class Dojo – using this to share what pupils are learning at the start of term with parents

Additional events and trips included: Bikeability, Maths week Scotland, Gymnastics clubs, Friday Focus, Children in Need, Xmas Fayre, Christmas Show , Lockerbie Manor, P3 Viking Visit, P5 Cocoa Bean, P7 WW2 Day, P1/2 Beach, P1 Dino Park, P6/7 Science centre, P1/2 Dinkies, P4 Beach, P4/5 Local community trips

Improvements in attainment throughout the year – data uplift on 6th June - Scottish Govt focus on level at P1, P4 and P7

Budgets – carefully managed with a slight underspend to be carried forward – continue to manage as efficiently as possible. PEF used effectively to cover additional ASN – some funds will continue to be used for this next year.

School Improvement Plan (SIP) 2025/26 - Priorities for 25/26 are:

- Maintain the improved quality and consistency of learning and teaching.
- To continue provide more challenging tasks and activities.
- Maintaining Improved approaches to assessment.
- Review and Implementation of Curriculum Progressions Frameworks
- To raise attainment across the school P1-P7 in writing through engagement with the CYPIC National Improving Writing Programme.
- Continue to work towards RRS Award and link to Relationship and Anti Bullying policy

Parent friendly version to be sent out in August.

Thank you from ED (HT) to all of Parent Council

Finalised Sports day programme to be confirmed – possible changes due to weather conditions

Staffing and classes still to be decided for next year.

Chairperson Report

Thanks to Parent Council for organisation and fundraising – kids have loved the events.

Support hugely appreciated.

Special thanks to Tracey Hall for all her hard work in the parent council as Treasurer and help in passing on the roll.

PC to organise flowers and wine as a thank you

No resolutions from Parent Forum

Constitution updated for the PVG registration

Election of Office Bearers

ChairPerson – V. White (Continued role)

Vice Chair – M. Houston

Secretary – K Kalotka (Continued role) – look into potential role of AI in the future

Treasurer – L. Sloan

All members happy to continue with PVG

Date of next meeting set for Thursday 4th September 7pm