

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

**11<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

### **Present**

Mrs Duncan – HT(ED)

Valerie White (VW)

Kim Kalotka(KK)

Amy Bell (AB)

Lyndsay Sloan (LS)

Jane Porteous (JP)

Davie Stitt (DS)

Faye Murray (FM)

### **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)

Demi Burgess(DB)

Michelle Houston (MH)

Jenna Whalen (JW)

Claire Dooley (CD DHT)

### **Minutes of Meeting**

- **Welcome**

VW welcomed everyone to the meeting, additional welcome to new member FM.

Actions from previous meeting:

Matters Arising:

Ideas to promote the parent Council – reminder to AB to investigate poster screen advertising Parent Council at events. (AB messaged CC)

PVG update: still some members to be put through the process, BC. Update spreadsheet to reflect members leaving (LH & KK)

Meeting about Digital, AI and Mobile Phone Policy held by Rachael Williams (26/05/26)– VW unable to attend. VW to feedback about the short notice of the meeting as email was received into Parent Council inbox on the 22/05/26.

### **AGM**

Discussions around the movement of the AGM from September to June. Added to constitution last year to allow time for new members to follow the new PVG policy.

### **Finance**

Books audited by T. Hall for the Financial Year – all correct

Finance report reflects period from last meeting in January until June:

Balance from last meeting: £1007.08

Service Charge: - £9.88

Valentines Disco float: - £50.00

Panto Donation: - £800.00

Juice for Disco: - £4.40

Crisps & Water for Disco: - £17.39

Service charge: - £4.25

Valentine's Disco takings: + £311.00

BSW Timer Donation: + £200.00

Coffee Morning Takings: + £604.65

Service charge: - £4.62

Service charge: - £11.11

Float for Bingo: - £60.00

Bingo takings: + £669.90

Demi (tuck shop): - £92.39

Service charge: - £4.25

Paul Jones Takings: + £210.20

Book Bags and Calculators: - £317.68

Balance: £1626.86

Special thanks to S. Dickie P6 for helping with the Paul Jones tuck shop – his help was much appreciated.

Last week of term Ice-lollies – Spar donation – conversations regarding donation in WHATSAPP group

Discussions of spending/class donations at next meeting

#### **Headteachers Report – Term 4**

**Staff, Classes and Learning:** Classes stable throughout the year with 10 classes, all staff providing some fantastic learning experiences for all the children in all curricular areas - children leading their learning more and working collaboratively across stages and classes - partnership working with the school and nursery through book club visiting nursery and P6 this term visiting to support with transition.

Open afternoon in September followed by parent appointments in November and a drop in afternoon in February - Attendance at each event was mixed and we continue to review how we best share information about pupil progress and learning.

#### **Events and opportunities throughout the year:**

Biekeability

Maths Week Scotland

Ram Tam Music

Operation Safety

Sponsored Walks

Several Active travel Breakfasts

Children in Need

Book week Scotland Book Bug Bags

Gymnastics and other after school clubs

Xmas fayre

Christmas Parties

Nativity by P1-P3

Lockerbie Manor

Jigs and Reels

Beauty and the Beast Panto

Children's mental Health week – CAMHS support

Scottish Opera P6-P7

P3/4 Viking Visit

P6 Stirling Castle

Paul Jones

P1 Dino Park

P1/2 and P2/3 Farm Visit

Enhance Transition P7s

Transition visits nursery -P1

RAW Choir

Author Visit p5-P6 – Barbara Henderson

Love Science P5-P6

World of Work Day

### **Staff Changes:**

Mrs Fortnum ASLT is leaving us in July and interviews for her post will take place before the end of term.

Mrs Mconnell learning assistant is moving to Castle Douglas Learning Centre.

Staffing in Nursery has been variable this year. Interviews before the end of term for EYSA trainee and 2 EYSA posts.

### **Attainment:**

School continuing work at raising attainment and have positive ACEL data going into the authority. Still areas for improvement, know where we to target making sure the right interventions in place to close the gaps and continue to support young people in their learning.

### **School Improvements:**

Continued work on CYPIC writing across the school - progress and improvements in writing at almost all stages. To be reviewed and considered how to move forward next session – almost all staff trained - Mrs Stephenson, CYPIC lead within the authority working in school.

Developed knowledge of high-quality assessments - worked on these collaboratively and shared evidence of these through collegiate sessions.

Maintained calendar of robust attainment meetings with staff monitoring progress through a level and achievement of a level for learners. Staff are more confidently using a range of assessments and data to make judgements on children's progress.

Reviewed Health and wellbeing bundles in line with wellbeing indicators and RRS.

Review programmes of study ongoing action for next session.

More detailed SIP to be shared at 1st meeting in new school term.

Key Improvements are:

CYPIC Writing

Numeracy

Programmes of Study

RRS – Silver Award

### **Pupil Equity Funds:**

Managed carefully again this year and used effectively to meet pupil needs in a variety of ways.

Used to fund Quarriers support and Nurture Time in T4 with Mrs Lumsden

Learning Assistant time. Some use in classes but also around small intervention groups or 1-1 intervention input.

Staff trained in CYPIC writing to raise attainment across the school.

Resources for classes. Pupil equipment, ear buds, beat dyslexia resource, Sumdog, Clickview.

## **DSM:**

Spent wisely again - small carry forward.

Nursery budget also spent wisely.

## **Class Funds**

All class have had funds from the parent council this year and we thank you very much for this. These funds along with sponsored walk money used in different ways - trips, visitor to classes and some have used for resources.

ED - Thank you again for funding our book bags for P1 and calculators for P7s moving to secondary school.

ED - As always thank you to the parent council for all the events you run throughout the year for the benefit of the school, families and our community.

## **Chairpersons Report:**

We have had a very positive year, grateful to all members for their resourcefulness and teamwork at planning and running events. We have successfully tried new things – running our own disco and bingo events.

Formal thanks to JH and KK who are standing down as members as their children move on to High School.

Can be difficult to keep up to date with everything raised through the Wider Parent Forum – this can be explored by the next chair

No issues raised any notifications from the information that went out to parents regarding the AGM meeting.

Constitution: Query over holding AGM in June (Term 4) – allows new members who join to apply for PVG ready for help with fundraising activities eg discos - also helpful for all end of year reports – agreement to keep the AGM in June but still allow new members to join throughout the year.

Drive for new P1 and nurse parents to join parent council – we have a small but effective parent council – parents may be more willing to help with events if members

## **Election of Office Bearers:**

VW standing down as Chair – by agreement A. Bell will be the new Chairperson

Office Bearers 2026/27:

Chairperson – A. Bell

Vice Chair – P. McMinn (thanks to MH for taking on role in 25/26)

Secretary – M. Houston

Treasurer – L. Sloan

ED – Thanks to VW for being chair and for her support in championing the school

VW to support AB in the transfer of the role of Chairperson in the coming year.

Confirmation of members email addresses for the creation of new email distribution list for 26/27

VW to pass on administration of PVG to new secretary MH

### **Fundraising**

Key dates for the next year:

Halloween Disco – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October (JW to ask S6 helpers and DJs from High school)

Christmas Fayre – Date TBC

Valentines Disco – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2027

Coffee Morning – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2027

Bingo – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Discussions around the possibility of organising a Car Wash / Coffee morning – possible collaboration with the Fire Station (JP to enquire)

### **AOB**

DS asked about Additional Support hours – ED confirmed that again there had been a reduction to the number of hours allocated.

Interviews on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June for new Learning Support Teacher (5 external candidates)

ED confirmed that Nursery intake is steady – all classes are organised for the new school year – moving up afternoon is on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June

New member email for mailing list – fayemurray1@hotmail.co.uk

**Date of next meeting AGM set for Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 7pm**