



PARENT COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEARSDEN PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2017 IN THE SCHOOL STAFF ROOM

Present Mrs Catriona Smith (Head Teacher)
Mr Patrick Prunty
Chris Dorman (Chair)
January Morgan-White
Katherine Sneedan
Stuart Dickson
Debra MacFarlane
Claire Turner
Cllr Vaughan Moody
Jennifer Shearer
Tara White (Clerk)

11/447 Welcome & Apologies

Chris welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming along. Apologies were noted from Neil Cochrane, Lorna Mitchell, January Morgan-White, Councillor Cumming, Councillor Johnston and Councillor Polson.

11/448 Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

11/449 Matters Arising

The group discussed a number of issues and concerns regarding road safety in the area and in particular Manse Road and Thorn Road. It was agreed that Stuart Dickson will forward details to Councillor Moody who will raise these concerns with Bearsden North Council. Stuart is also going to attend the next community council meeting where he plans to make a presentation highlighting these dangers and issues. Katherine Sneedan has a friend who recently raised some concerns with EDC regarding Manse Rd and she received a good response which Katherine will forward to the Parent Council.

11/450 Chair Report

Chris asked if anyone had any issues to raise. Debs asked if there were any updates on the school flooring as this work has been put off on a number of occasions now. Chris and Debs agreed to liaise and will contact the Head of Facilities at EDC on behalf of the PC regarding this matter. Jennifer has had a number of parents ask if perhaps the children could change their shoes during the bad weather as they are concerned the children are sitting in wet socks and shoes until home time. This will be looked into. Katherine Sneedan spoke about the new parents evening booking system which she thought was excellent and worked really well. Mrs Smith and Mr Prunty said that there has been lots of fantastic feedback from parents and teachers and they are really happy to receive such a positive response. Claire has had a number of parents ask if more reminders could be sent out for upcoming events. The school do presently issue reminders via email and dojo and Mrs Smith will remind staff to continue doing this. Councillor Moody has forwarded to Chris a report received by councillors detailing proposed changes to Brookfield Villa and library which include changing the basement to an 80 pupil nursery and the former library into various rooms. A feasibility study is continuing into the nursery proposal and it could potentially be a partnership group nursery or a council owned nursery run by the school. The report proposed that it be ran

by BPS. Mrs Smith said Jacqui MacDonald had informed her about the report but there was no further information available as presently there is no money and the feasibility study is continuing. Councillor Moody shared the report with the Brookwood Futures Group where it received a positive response.

The group discussed the consultation on Empowering Schools, individual responses or group responses can be submitted online until January 30th and there are some questions pertinent to the PC like whether the parent council should have into school policy and curriculum.

Stuart updated the group on the recent Parent Council Forum meeting. The PCF are very excited about a new contact management system for all school websites which will be introduced in secondary schools in March 2018 and in primary schools in the summer of 2018 and the group discussed this. The PCF also discussed community letting , there are pressures on the council budget and they are looking at the costs of community lettings against the revenue generated. I.T policy and strategy was also discussed and there is a device replacement cycle happening with all p.c's being replaced either this year or next. There is also a new scheme being piloted at one of the secondary schools where pupils bring their own device to school and the council will provide the software, they are aiming for a 1:1 ratio at secondary school level and there will be help to buy available with payment over a fixed term.

11/451 Head Teacher Report

Mrs Smith presented her HT report to the group which is attached.

Pupil Roll Update

- Current role 425
- 48 Primary 1 pupils. Maximum of 50 pupils
- P7 only stage with numerous placing requests places available. Limited spaces for placing requests in P3 and P5.
- 15 classes across the school.

Staffing Update

Primary 1Room 9 Miss N Beattie

Primary 1Room 10 Mr R Cameron

Primary 2Room 4 Mrs J Drysdale

Primary 2Room 5Miss K Jaycock

Primary 3Room 6Miss L Graham

Primary 3Room 7Miss S Leighton / Ms Thomson

Primary 4Room 1Miss S Gray

Primary 4Room 2Miss C Kernohan/ Mrs A Templeton

Primary 5Room 12 Miss A Mackenzie/ Mrs F Rattray

Primary 5Room 20Miss L Mullen

Primary 6Room 17Mr A Findlay

Primary 6Room 19Mrs A Mathieson/ Mrs P More

Primary 7Room 13Miss K McGuire/ Mrs A Wilson

Primary 7Room 14Mr P Prunty

Primary 7Room 15Mr D McGregor

RCCT - PE - Mrs N Johnson

RCCT - Music - Mrs E Irvine

RCCT- Various - Mrs A Mearns

RCCT - French - Mrs Capaldi

Principal Teacher - Mrs A Templeton

Depute Head Teacher - Mrs L Stewart

Depute Head Teacher (0.6) - Ms J Thomson

0.4 Acting DHT Vacancy - Mrs A Wilson

Head Teacher - Mrs C Smith

School Improvement Plan

- **Attainment- Literacy and Play**

Fundraising group have given some money to help us purchase more equipment for Play. Our improved Library has been officially opened and classes are visiting and borrowing books from the library. Novels for group teaching has also been purchased to accompany teaching resources within the school. All teaching staff received input on teaching of reading on Inservice Day and audited the resources within the school for reading.

- **Assessment- Learning Journeys, involving parents in learning**

Teachers moderated the use of these on the Inservice Day and shared good practice. Focus group of parents looked at the learning journeys and their advice was feedback to the teachers. All jotters went home for the first time before Parents' Night. Positive response to the introduction of these.

- **Health and Wellbeing- Resilience, Leadership of children**

House captains have led whole school assembly and house huddles. They have designed new house logos, a points system and are involved in leading areas of the school. All children part of different committees to contribute to the life of the school.

All teachers have begun using the PATHS materials with classes.

- **Cluster work- Maths**

P3-7 teachers have now worked together with teachers in other schools to plan some challenging maths lessons incorporating the Growth Mindset messages. Each teacher now working on this in own school and will come back together next term to evaluate the work and next steps.

Pupil Equity Fund

- *Bearsden Primary was allocated £12000 to tackle the poverty related gap. This has to be directly targeted at the identified children and the impact measured.*
- *At present we have committed over £4000 towards SEAL maths training and materials.*
- *After we complete the cluster work on Growth Mindset in Maths, we were going to assess whether to use some of the money to support Growth Mindset in reading. From work to date we have decided to use the money elsewhere.*

- We will release a teacher 2 days per week to work directly on improving attainment in reading with the funding.

Events and successes

- Huge successes from the Cross Country team- full list with the newsletter to go out on 1st December.
- Bearsden Ski Team performed well - 4 teams took part in the Autumn Duel Slalom, we received a 3rd and a 1st. The 1st place team then took part in the finals at Snofactor but unfortunately didn't make the semi-finals.
- Tyler Prosser-Marr, P6 pupil, entered the Scottish Schools Ski/ Boarder Cross Championships and achieved Gold for snowboarding at this National Competition.
- EDC and Play2Learn were shortlisted for a Quality Improvement Award -out of 140 made the final 3 for recognition of the work in play. Mrs Stewart, Mrs Drysdale, Miss Beattie and Mr Cameron accompanied Mrs Dalziel(QJO) to the Science Centre for the Awards Ceremony last week.
- 8 of the pupils (2 teams) from the chess club attended the Dragon Chess Tournament in Milngavie Town Hall last Sunday and one of our teams won the silver medal award.
- We raised £584.20 for Children in Need for our Spotacularevent.
- We raised £801 for our Sports Event which will buy sports equipment and kits.

Budget Update

- New computers have been given to us by EDC- these are refurbished laptops and we have paid for the licences for these.
- Printing continues to be a large cost in the school and we are looking at ways of reducing this. We now have credits with the Print Room where we can send things to be printed- works best for bulk printing- will start to use this for shows, services etc.

P6 Residential Outdoor Education Experience

- Survey out to whole school to gauge feeling on the residential
- 31 responses so far- will issue again this week to get a larger range of responses
- At present 87% in favour of P6 trip, 79% happy to pay approx £195. In the open responses 3 have said lower amount- from£100-£150. Most people have indicated they prefer Millport to finding another location

Scottish National Standardised Assessments

- Introduced this session- Every child in P1, P4, P7 and S3 will undertake national standardised assessments covering some aspects of reading, writing and working with numbers. The assessments will be completed online.
- The results of the assessments will be used to help the teacher understand how well your child is progressing in his/her learning and to plan next steps. The system is adaptable, so that, if a child is struggling with the questions they will get easier, and if a child is doing well the questions will become more challenging. The assessments will accommodate the needs of children who require additional support and aim to be as inclusive as possible.
- Within Bearsden Primary, we will be administering the assessments during next term.
- Information about this going in Newsletter tomorrow to all parents
- EDC have also produced a leaflet and will attach this to the newsletter

Empowering Schools: A Consultation on the Draft Provisions in the Education (Scotland) Bill

The Bill will give teachers and head teachers more power over decisions about learning and teaching, freeing you to make a real difference to the lives of children and young people.

The Bill's key aims are to:

- Establish a Headteachers' Charter to define their responsibilities as leaders of learning in schools and set out the support they can expect.

- *Provide the legislative underpinning for the establishment of Regional Improvement Collaboratives.*
- *Improve parental and community engagement in school life and learning.*
- *Strengthen the voice of children and young people, promoting and supporting pupil participation.*
- *Establish an Education Workforce Council to take on the responsibilities of the General Teaching Council for Scotland and the Community Learning and Development Standards Council and to register other education professionals.*

Consultation open until 30 January 2018 <https://consult.gov.scot/learning-directorate/education-scotland-bill/>

Facilities Management Update

- *No further feedback at present on next phase*

11/452 Newsletter Suggestions

There were no suggestions.

11/453 AOCB

Debs queried whether available funding or assistance for parents who could be struggling to afford school trips could be made more easily accessible. A discussion about this took place and this will be looked into and revisited.

Claire updated the group on some recent FRG events and the funds raised. Chris thanked the FRG for all their continuous hard work and said that they are the real force behind the Parent body of BPS. Chris thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday February 1st 2018 at 7pm.

Signed by:

Chairman BPS Parent Council

Date: