

CROSS ARTHURLIE PARENT COMMUNITY

MEETING AT BARRHEAD HIGH SCHOOL 12/11/2024

PRESENT: Eilidh Waddell (Chair), Nicola McFadyen (Secretary), Kirsten Fairlie (Treasurer), Seonaidh Keir (Fundraising), Fiona Carlton (Fundraising), Fiona Moody (Fundraising), Gillian Rice (DHT), Fiona MacDonald (HT), Colette Byars, Natalie Murphy, Rebecca Coyle, Kirsty McVicar, Elizabeth Thomson, Wendy Thomson, Megan Baxter, Susan Collins, Lorna Deveney, Lorna Thomson, Marion Cunningham, Limara Hill

APOLOGIES: Victoria Magowan (Vice Chair), Helen Easdon, Karen Howson

ITEM	DISCUSSION
Approval of minutes	Minutes from 10/09/24 approved by S Keir
Apologies	See above
Chair Update (E Waddell)	Not present at last general meeting of PC Chairs, will put questions that arose on facebook. Disco was a huge success, with mobile ban being generally positive. Number of children bringing own water bottle was low at senior disco, possibility of school issuing additional reminder in class. Parent helpers encouraged to be assertive with the children to ensure maximum safety of all children.
Treasurer's Report (K Fairlie)	Bank Balance total is £5451.56 £693.18 Disco profit £1451.56 balance after allocated expenses Allocated Grant Funds: - £1000 for first aid training - £2500 for community garden

Fundraising Update, inc. Halloween Disco (Fundraising Team)	Re Halloween Disco: pick up system feedback was good, as was return to Disco Dave; change length back to 1 hour, as 45 min too short; lack of cups and children bringing own bottles meant some children didnt get juice, will look into for future, although reducing plastic is a priority; reminders of event were good with exception of bringing own bottles, as already addressed; costume parade seemed too long, suggest having a parent helper lead in future.
Christmas Fayre Planning	Layout: Main hall will be shoppers event stalls and tombola; Dining Hall to be games and food; Library for kids items made in school; Miss Rices office will be used for the grotto. Santa is booked. To have a uniform stall or not, still TBD. Look into how many prizes are needed according to previous years. Determine number of helpers across different times and days. Caroline setting up tombola at home. Bottles and donations to be received from Dress As You Please Day on 6/12/24 Grotto will be priced at £2.50. 12 stalls confirmed for shoppers event.
P7 Prom	£950 budget. Booked for 11/06/25. 54 children in P7 this year. Ties to be priced, usually from Gilmour Sports, E Waddell will look into pricing. Look into what schools children are moving on to, to confirm ties needed. G Rice has arranged food and band (Band cost £350). Arch and banner for stage already in cupboard, check for anything else that can be re-used in school, as well as pre-prom venue.
Head Teachers Report (F MacDonald)	<u>Staffing</u> : Miss Lowson has returned after leave and Mrs McMillan will be returning next week. We are also very pleased to welcome Cheryl Meeten, our new admin assistant who joined us yesterday, due to a review of admin posts across ERC, this is a temporary post. We also have a new trainee PSA Andrena Johnstone who will be with us 4 days a week until March. <u>Budget</u> : We have been able to purchase the usual class materials for children this year. We also have built up some reserves over the past few years which we have used to buy some larger items, such as replacing an interactive whiteboard in a classroom. ERC continue to refresh our day to day digital resources and a number of new laptops will replace desktops in some classrooms this week. <u>HMIE Action Plan</u> : The two action points from our HMIE report are outlined in the letter for

	<p>parents: use of feedback and tracking across all curricular areas.</p> <p>We have also started working on aspects of feedback and this will continue throughout the year. We will work with other schools in trialling and developing meaningful systems to track childrens progress across the curriculum. As we are the only school currently building an action plan, we are having to do so from scratch, and is part of a long-term plan.</p> <p>We were also asked to submit two case studies for practice which HMIE wanted to share more widely. These were around staff development and languages.</p> <p><u>Visit to China:</u> As part of our ongoing work to enhance languages Mrs MacDonald visited China during the October holidays. This trip was funded by CISS (Confucius Institute of Scotland) and SCILT (Scotlands National Centre for Languages) and we are looking forward to the exciting opportunities that these links will bring.</p> <p><u>Supporting Charities:</u> We are very grateful to our families who support us to remember and help others. This month P6 sold poppies as part of their learning on Remembrance and the House Captains have organised a toy and book sale for Children In Need.</p> <p><u>Mobile Phone Use:</u> This is part of a national debate at the moment and I would like to capture some view of our parents on this.</p>
AOCB	<p><u>Parking:</u> ongoing issues with parking around the school, with particular reference to zigzags and using the bus bay for drop off.</p> <p><u>Mobile Phone Use in Schools:</u> already covered in head teachers report. Majority against use in school, upper school using for online work in class - not a necessity though.</p> <p><u>M7 Education:</u> will be looked into further. Access to funding for trips: needs to be advertised on blog post trip.</p> <p><u>Xmas Parties:</u> budget LY £840. Used to buy drink/popcorn/healthy snack/treat. Budget too high LY, reviewed to £40 per class = £560.</p> <p><u>Flu Vaccine</u> scheduled for 12/12/24.</p> <p><u>P7 Sponsor Money:</u> anything left after hoodies are paid for goes towards their final big trip , which LY was £796. Deadline for collection = 22/11/24.</p> <p><u>Cross Country Event:</u> parents and attendees questioned why children were not attending in school branded kits. Full kits are available and kept in the shared cupboard. Ensure these are used at any other applicable events.</p>