Balmerino Primary School

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING - Wednesday, 26 January 2022

Minutes

Present:	Lucy Jess – Head Teacher	Marlyn Menzies – Vice Chair/Parent
	Gillian Mason – Secretary/Parent	Marianne Boreland – Chair/Parent
	Gary Peattie – Fife Childcare Services	
Apologies	Louise Cole - Parent	Alison Smale - Parent

	Agenda Item	Action
1.	Welcome from Chair	
	Marianne welcomed everyone to the meeting.	None
2.	Out of School Child Care	
	After much discussion it was decided that the best option for Balmerino Primary School is to use the Out of School Child Care facility located at Wormit Primary School.	
	This outcome was decided upon due to various issues raised -	
	 Lack of space within Balmerino School. Staffing is already in place at Wormit. Employing staff is proven to be extremely difficult when setting up a new facility. Transportation to and from Wormit Primary will only be provided if there are enough children from Balmerino to warrant it. There would be no charge transporting children, as this cost is absorbed by Fife Council. Balmerino would be able to use this facility August 2022. Balmerino would not be able to meet the stringent rules and regulations expected by the Care Inspectorate. Gauldry Village Hall may not guarantee regular use as it is used within the local community. 	
	 Gary Peattie will explore transport options & check if viable. When confirmed, parents will be contacted to see if of interest and to confirm a place. There needs to be a demand by parents for it to be feasible. Once numbers are confirmed we will be informed whether it is possible. Due to Covid restrictions Gary and Lucy Jess will discuss the issues combining both school pupils together and discuss their outcomes with parents using the facility. Any worries that parents may have will taken into account. 	Gary Peattie Gary Peattie/Lucy Jess
	Wormit Primary School Out of School Club operates either before school from 07:45am, after school till 18:00pm, or both. Full day child care is provided during the school holidays and in- service days.	

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	 The current charges for this facility are, per day Before School £5.30 After School £12.80 Holiday ½ day £12.50 Holiday full day £25.00 A special thanks was made to Gary Peattie for giving up his time to attend our meeting. 	
3.	Fundraising	
	Meeting ran over and Fundraising added to our next PC Meeting	
4.	AOCB	
	 Lucy Jess discussed the email sent out to parents responding to the completed parent survey on target settings and sharing learning. It was noted that parents would like a bit more information and feedback about where the children are in their learning. Next week, P1-7 children will bring home their targets for the term and these will be shared on Seesaw. Thereafter (weekly), parents will see regular evidence of leaning linked to their targets posted on Seesaw. As this is a new initiative piece of school improvement work, parental views will be requested as the school year progresses. Dalguise trip P6/7 As a face to face meeting with Lucy Jess and parents is not possible due to Covid to discuss this trip, it was agreed that a MS Team Meeting will be arranged. All parents and children participating are invited to attend. 	Lucy Jess Lucy Jess
	The next PC meeting TBC The meeting was closed with thanks to all attendees	