

## Balmerino Primary School

### PARENT COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday, 25 May 2022

#### Minutes

<b>Present:</b>	Lucy Jess – Head Teacher	Louise Cole - Parent
	Gillian Mason – Secretary/Parent	Marianne Boreland – Chair/Parent
	Sarah Proudfoot – Parent	Alison Smale - Parent
<b>Apologies</b>	Marlyn Menzies – Vice Chair/Parent	Gillian Webster - Parent
	Catriona Reid - Parent	

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.	<b>Welcome from Chair</b>  Marianne welcomed everyone to the meeting.	None
2.	<b>Fundraising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Sports Day, Wednesday, 1 June  It was discussed &amp; acted upon ...  Pupil Council had a strawberries with cream stall (strawberries kindly donated by The Adamsons, Friarton Farm). Monies received will go towards a boot scraper for pupils using the garden.  Parent Council (PC) had a home baking stall. Parents kindly donated home baking which sold well raising £157.</li><li>• End of Term Celebration, Wednesday, 29 June  School staff are organising a raffle, tombola &amp; hamper. PC Bake Sale.</li><li>• Craigtoun Park  £600 for the bus to Craigtoun Park. PC offered to donate £300.</li><li>• Future fundraising to be discussed. G Mason suggested holding coffee mornings where parents could meet, chat &amp; catch up. Mrs Jess suggested that, as well as drinking coffee, parents might help teaching staff with photocopying/laminating, as this worked well in a nearby primary school.</li></ul>	Marianne Boreland
3.	<b>Reduction to Two Classes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parents have contacted Sarah Else, Education Manager, directly, expressing their concerns as Mrs Jess's hands are tied. All waiting for a response.</li><li>• Classes after the summer are a P2, 3 &amp; 4 class (currently 25 pupils), &amp; P5, 6 &amp; 7 class (currently 24 pupils). These composite classes are capped at 25 pupils. No one from the catchment area has applied for a place in P1.</li></ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This would change if a new family arrived within catchment, signed missives or rental agreement, before the term in August. The Local Authority take a census at the start of the academic year, first week of August.</li> <li>• If families already reside within the catchment area their child is guaranteed a place in the school and in P1.</li> <li>• If a child is out with the school catchment area families have to apply for a P1 placement request even if a sibling is already attending the school. If the Local Authority have more than one placement request and its bigger than the number of spaces available then they have a criteria to follow &amp; would give priority to a family with a child already in the school if numbers allow. The Local Authority will only accept a child placement if it doesn't push up the number of classes &amp; require them to employ an extra teacher.</li> <li>• On a positive note, learning allocation has increased within the school &amp; Mrs Purvis will now work a full day per week. The school will retain the same number of PSA hours for Mrs Howie &amp; Mrs Cargill &amp; this means that both classes will have an allocated full-time PSA.</li> </ul>	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Karen Peters Retirement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A parental collection has been taken &amp; gifts will be presented to Karen by M Boreland on behalf of the PC &amp; school at the End of Year Celebration.</li> </ul>	Claire Leslie Marianne Boreland
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>End of Year Celebration, Wednesday, 29 June</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A celebration for Karen, 25 years in the school, giving her the best send off.</li> <li>• P7's will give their memories of their time in the school.</li> <li>• House competition.</li> <li>• Tombola &amp; raffle.</li> <li>• PC Bake Sale</li> </ul>	
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Finance Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Today's balance stands at £26.69, after donations given towards Craigtoun Visit &amp; mats for school.</li> </ul>	Marianne Boreland
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Head Teacher Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school is a positive place since opening up after Covid. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Bike-a-bility back up and running with Miss Bowman &amp; Mr/Mrs Cargill.</li> <li>➤ 'Our Girls Can' programme, P5, 6 &amp; 7, encouraging girls to remain &amp; participate in sport going up to Secondary School. Boosting self-esteem, body image.</li> <li>➤ Boy's Team Building P3, 4 &amp; 7.</li> <li>➤ Craigtoun Park Trip, 22 June.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• School has returned to normal and is now open to everyone after Covid.</li> <li>• If parents have any individual concerns please contact Mrs Jess directly.</li> </ul>	

7.	<b>AOCB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vacancies are now open for the Parent Council ... Chair Secretary Treasurer</li></ul> <p>Any parents interested please contact Marianne Boreland directly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AGM to take place in August.</li></ul>	
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The next PC meeting TBC

**The meeting was closed with thanks to all attendees**