

Balmerino Primary School

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING – Fri 27th September 2024

Minutes

Present:	Louise Cole - Parent/Chair	Sarah Proudfoot - Parent/Secretary
	Hannah Mackins- Parent/Treasurer	Blaise McGurk - Parent/Communications
Apologies	Donna Maclvor - Parent	

	Agenda Item	Action
1.	Welcome from Chair Louise welcomed everyone to the meeting.	None
2.	Fundraising and Spend £1246.92 transferred to new Parent Council RBS account by LC in September £100 float retained for events by HM SP has £611.12 and will pay for nursery bench (approx. £339) and will transfer balance (approx. £272) to RBS account. PC have also ordered books from World of Books, Amazon and Ebay on 23rd September for £448.94 for the new school library and this will be reimbursed from the school from the Tesco Stronger Starts Grant fund. Total in RBS account is currently £797.98 .	SP to transfer remaining cash to the RBS Business account once nursery bench has been paid for.
3.	Internet Safety LC mentioned possibility of Caroline Berry from Fife Council coming to run to a session involving children as well as parents at a later date. This was discussed and thought to be a good idea. In light of some other primary schools (including Wormit) adopting a mobile phone free site, it was agreed that we would like into this for Balmerino and explore this further.	Committee to discuss timing for another session in the new year. LC to look into mobile phone policy.

<p>4. Tesco Grant</p>	<p>Good progress has been made on the new school library for which we were awarded £1500 towards books and shelving. First £1125 now in the school fund.</p> <p>List of books from JR and AK, LC made a full list and ordered books from World of Books, Amazon and Ebay on 23rd September.</p> <p>We will fill in gaps and get duplicates of popular titles from donations and BM has made a poster for Facebook to get support.</p> <p>After meeting between LC and LJ where the running of the library was agreed (library committee with a student from each class as a Library Helper and rota with staff/students for using the library), next steps are creating the space in the Burrow. LC discussed ideas about shelving ideas, window seating, painting and decoration. DC to measure up space and look at ideas/flatpack alternatives to bespoke items. LC is arranging the necessary press photo with Tesco which will take place after the library space is complete and open for use. We are looking at getting a local author to officiate at the opening.</p> <p>LJ also suggested reaching out the Morison Duncan Hall to see if local community would like to be involved.</p> <p>LC also pointed out that the Tesco grants is available again at a later date if we choose.</p>	<p>BH to ask TH about posters in notice boards</p> <p>LC to approach LJ about limitations/permissions for what we can do in the Burrow DC/LC to measure and feedback</p> <p>LJ to get in touch with MDH</p>
<p>5. Halloween Disco</p>	<p>Hall booked for Fri 1st Nov 5pm to 7.30pm (Disco 5.30-7pm) and tickets are now on sale (£2.50 per child in advance or £3 on the door). So far we have sold 15. Tickets will be on sale until Thursday 24th October and can be done so via bank transfer or cash handed into the school office. Parents/carers to be reminded that they need to provide their child's name as the reference. There will also be limited ticket availability on the door depending on capacity.</p> <p>Parents/carers are also to be reminded to bring cash on the evening for the bake sale and pick'n'mix.</p> <p>It was decided that we would have a small craft table with colouring for younger children.</p> <p>Disco planning meeting for the committee will take place on Friday 25th October 2-3pm.</p> <p>SP, BM and HM looking into lights and speakers.</p> <p>BM and HM to sort out music.</p>	<p>SP, BM and HM to look into music, speakers and lights.</p> <p>LC, SP, BM and HM to discuss rest of details at planning meeting</p>
<p>6. School Ground improvements</p>	<p>Still ongoing. JR will be carrying out a brainstorm session with the children asking for suggestions on what they want. Discussed improving the garden or painting the playground walls, giving outside a refresh.</p>	<p>JR to liaise with children and feedback</p>
<p>7. AOCB Asda Cashpots for Schools</p>	<p>BM suggested ASDA Cashpot for Schools programme for the school where parents sign up and school gets percentage of spend. TH has circulated the details to parents and BM is going to do similar on the Facebook page.</p> <p>https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools</p>	<p>BM to put details on Facebook</p>

	<p>School Behaviour Concerns</p> <p>Some aspects of behaviour at school were discussed. SP has met with LJ to discuss further and gave feedback to those parents who were present. Any parent with concerns about behaviour is encouraged to approach LJ and there will be a chance to discuss further later in the year as relevant policies are due for review. This work could tie into work on a social media/smartphone policy.</p>	<p>LC/SP to liaise with LJ about future work on relevant policies.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The next PC meeting TBC</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting was closed with thanks to all attendees</p>	