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## Parent Council Minutes – 06.05.25

In attendance: Lorraine Taylor, Helen Campbell, Jodie Salmond, Jo Hood, Tracy Hughes, Louise Parker, Lewis Jones, Steven Tervit, Amy Stapleton & Simon Warren.

**Apologies:** Kelly Smith & Debbie Paterson

### **Simon Warren Active Schools Coordinator Update**

Simon provided some information regarding how the "Active Schools" helps to promote extra curriculum activities before and after schools to help children become more involved with sports and physical activities such as Primary 6s & 7s being involved with the junior leadership pathway.

Simon advised on how they support the school providing resources and sports coaches for activities such as the current breakfast football clubs.

The active schools also provide "targeted" support such as helping the children with the recent Bikeability which was offered to the younger primary groups with swimming lessons for the older groups.

Simon had raised the hope that with the support from the PTA and other parents in the school to potentially support as a volunteer with any sport or physical activities such as helping to deliver the activity to the children and helping the children engage with the activities as this will go a great length in order to ensure we can continue to delivery these programmes to the children.

Please look out for a Facebook post on the request for volunteers & support, there will be some active schools flyers in the school at reception should you wish to take one - please also reach out to the school directly if this should appeal to you as it would be fantastic to have as many parents on board.

## **School Update**

### **Fareshare**

This has so far been massively popular with a good uptake from the local community, we would like to ensure this continues to be well used.

### **Learning Partnership**

This is when headteachers come from other schools and perform an independent review on the school to help promote, build and develop various aspects of the school - there were many strengths identified.

### **School Trips**

We are holding a fundraiser to cover the cost of these trips, the email has already been sent out to parents and our intension is to have a "Run, Jump & Throw" day - we are hopeful that family and friends are able to support by sponsoring the children.

P1-3 - Almond Valley

P4-5 - 5 Sister Zoo

P6 - Hopetoun House

P7 - Bowling & Karaoke

### **Budget Update Recent Spends**

Asgard Shed

Reading Shed

General Resources

Badminton Sets

Be-bots and other coding robots - STEM Learning

### **PEF Spending**

This is currently allocated in full with no carry on from last years budget, the PEF budget has remained the same over the last five years with no increase to the fund, the costs that are associated to the fund however are increasing yearly - our proposal this year is to increase the PSA allocation by 50% which would use more than half the allocated fund with the remaining used to support teacher & probationary allocation with a portion of the fund going to Reducing the Cost of the School Day.

### **Future Planned Spends**

Cooker & Oven (This is for learning and not the kitchen)

School Trips - as required if fundraisers don't cover.

### **School Role**

We are expecting an increase up to 196 total which includes 22 nursery which will be the largest school role that we have seen in recent years.

There has been several placing request to move children into the school from out with the catchment area.

There will still be 7 classes however we may need to create composite classes at P1/P2 & P2/P3 this will have no effect on the children's learning, we will provide further information on this at a future date to parents.

### **Improving Reading Attainment**

New scheme is now in place with a Core Reading Schools accreditation.

Library has been re-organised with new books and other resources now in place.

### **Outdoor Learning**

Planning is underway for outdoor learning away days.

Nursery children beach visits are underway.

Loose parts play, storage is on site - we are starting to collect some "random" materials for this however we may reach out to parents for further donations if needed.

### **Tracking Progress**

The new reporting format is now underway incorporating metaskills which the staff are now using.

### **Summer Fayre**

This is currently planned for Wednesday 28/05/25 after school and we are working on putting together some plans to ensure that it is a great evening - we will be looking for some donations so please keep an eye out for emails regarding this as we would love to receive the support from as many as possible to ensure a great success.

Some ideas so far - Beat the Goalie/Soak the Janny/hook a duck/Cake & Candy/Tombola/Raffle/Brick-a-Brack/Wine & Water/Table Games/Food & Drink.

If you have any suggestions, ideas or any way you can support the event please reach out to the PTA or anyone at the School as we would love to have you on-board.

### **Upcoming Dates**

#### **Term 4**

Wednesday 30.04.25 - P1-3 Family Time, 9-9.30

Monday 05.05.25 - School Holiday

Tuesday 06.05.25 - Parent Council, 4 pm, all welcome

Friday 16.05.25 - Sports Day - Lochgelly Albert Football Park, 1.30 – 3 pm, families welcome, weather permitting

Thursday 22.05.25 - Whole School Family Time, 2.15 – 3 pm

Wednesday 28.05.25 – Summer Fayre – after school

Thursday 29.05.25 - LHS Information Evening (P7 Parents/carers, time to follow)

Monday 02.06.25 - School Holiday

Tuesday 03.06.25 – In-service Day – school closed to pupils

Thursday 12.06.25 & Friday 13.06.25 - P7 LHS transition days (more information from LHS to follow nearer the time)

Friday 27.06.25 - Summer Assembly for Nursery - P7 at 9.30am, all families welcome

Tuesday 01.07.25 - Moving on Ceremony, Nursery pre-schoolers and P7 Parents/carers welcome

Wednesday 02.07.25 – Meet Your Teacher

Friday 03.07.25 - End of term 4

**Friday 04.07.25 – Tuesday 19.08.25 ~ SUMMER HOLIDAY**

Wednesday 20.08.25 - Start of term 1

## **PTA Update**

### **Parent Council Budget**

Current £2880

Going In:

Asda Cash Pot - £300 approx. (Paid by March 25)

Easyfundraising - £47.37

### **Date of Next Meetings**

As always, we are keen to have full representation of parents from all stages across the school. New members always welcome.

Thank you to all in attendance.

**Minute taker: Steven Tervit**