# Parent Council Meeting Minutes 12/3/2024

Attendees: Caroline, Sandra, Dawn, Claire Wyatt (HT)

## School Update – Claire Wyatt HT

Play – P1-4 – continuing development - new equipment being bought for Play improvement plans: loose parts etc for numeracy.

Visitors – probationers – have visited the school.

Numeracy group specialists in school have now completed their training.

Writing – continuing to make progress – teachers are going to do one last day of training before meeting with other school groups to share knowledge and development projects.

Lots of sports events recently – wide in range – attended with first class places for badminton.

Football, badminton and basketball all really positive.

Class cover can be hard for facilitating these trips.

P3/4 trip went to Matilda.

Trips next term are planned but may need to fundraise, particularly for transport.

Committees – junior road safety officers did a travel map plan with Fife council.

Rights respecting school: working to Bronze. Eco committee looking at new rag bag drive.

Pupil council looking at play equipment for breaks. Looking for a grant from Stephens the bakers. Suggested they could help with other things if we make applications.

Changes next year in reporting on schools. Teachers in primary school will report against all areas in curriculum rather than just numeracy and literature.

P1 numbers for next session’s intake unknown as yet. Open till this Friday. 21 children going to secondary.

## Council News

### Daffodil Tea – next Tuesday

Parents and carers are invited to join from 2pm on Tuesday 19th March 2024. We would ask only 2 attendees per family if possible to ensure suitable room in our hall for all families.

Please deliver donations of baked goods to school by noon on Tuesday and please don’t forget to label Tupperware so we can get it back to you.

Please can attendees bring small change where possible.

Each class will perform a song to entertain us. Baked goods, teas and coffees will be available to buy.

### Fundraising Update 2023-2024

Christmas Carol Concert raised £192.20.

Parent Council have so far contributed;

Crackers and Selection Boxes for all children at Christmas - £223.02

Contribution toward P7 hoodies - £349.05.

### Our Parent Council Will Fold Without Volunteers

Usually the parent council will be asked to contribute to a P7 leaver event. While there are retained funds and funds from the daffodil tea still expected for this year to help us do this, I would stress that without more active members on the parent council leading on events and fundraising activities in future years, the funds will simply not be available going forward to continue contributing at the level we have historically. I would urge anyone who is keen to help with the management of future fundraising endeavours to please come forward and join the Parent Council as official members.

I have been on the Parent Council here at Torryburn as Chair/Co-Chair for 2 years, and at my previous school for 5 years previous to that, and I hereby give notice that I intend to stand down in September due to ongoing work commitments. This will leave Torryburn Parent Council with only a Treasurer – my husband, Matt. We can only still operate a bank account because Jane, our previous co-chair of last year, agreed to continue on as a signatory when she stood down last September.

Without a new Chair, there can be no insurance provision for parent led events next year. I would urge anyone who can give a couple of hours a month, slightly more around key fundraising events, to please get in touch – [torryburnparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:torryburnparentcouncil@gmail.com). There is an amazing pool of volunteers who are keen to help at events, but the Council should have no less than a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer to allow it to continue to function. I will be happy to lend ongoing support to anyone who may be interested in stepping up.

Kind regards,