

Minutes of Meeting 28th April 2025

Minutes of Riverbank Primary and Nursey Class (PNC) Parent Council meeting held on Monday 28th April at 1815 in Riverbank Community Hub.

1. Attendees

Billy Barclay (Chairperson), Julie Bradley (Secretary), Diane Davidson (Treasurer), Nicola Nisbet (Communication Officer), Alison Cowan, Antony Hynes, Rebecca Robson, Stacey Kelly and Shobha Chacko.

Helen Paterson (Head Teacher) and Karen Johnston (PT).

Laura Mitchell and Amanda Malloy from the school build team.

Apologies were received from Shabana Akhtar and Roberta McAvoy (DHT).

2. Minutes from 3rd March 2025

Accepted by all.

3. Build team post occupancy review

Laura Mitchell and Amanda Malloy attended the meeting to obtain the views of Parent Council members on the school building post occupancy. Overall, the building is modern and children enjoy attending the school. Shared spaces are light and airy but environmentally very warm which becomes uncomfortable during periods of warm weather. Stage area has improved visibility for the audience when school shows are performed. Security to school and nursery is good.

Grass area in playground has not grown well despite reseeding. Area is waterlogged and muddy in wet weather causing damage to uniforms.

Lengthy discussion regarding the car park area. Main points were not enough parking spaces especially at home time resulting in congestion and inconsiderate parking making the area unsafe for pupils. Concerns raised regarding the safe walking route for pupils.

Pitches and MUGA area well used by the local community and grassroots clubs and have been a positive addition to the local area. Unfortunately, there has been some vandalism at times. Suggestion for signage for the outer cage to discourage the use of scooters and bikes on the pitch and encourage users to utilise the bins provided. Outside gym area has now been installed beside the pitches.

Gym hall underutilised out with school hours. Lack of storage being a barrier to community groups and clubs using the community hub. Parent council uses the hall to provide discos for pupils and the Christmas Fayre. These events have been successful but more tables would be helpful for holding future events as these had to be sourced from out with the Hub. After school club use the hall and dining area after school each day.

Post occupancy survey to be included in the next newsletter to gather views from the parent forum.

4. Treasurers Report

Profit of 254.13 from Easter hampers. Current balance £2653.38. BB unable to access the account but is visible on the account. Bank to be contacted to resolve the issue.

5. Head Teachers Report

Mrs Craney has started maternity leave and Ms Georgi Walker will cover P3/2 until the end of term with support from Mrs Johnston to ease the transition for pupils.

Primary 5 swimming/dry sports programme continues at Sir Matt Busby Centre in Bellshill.

Primary 1 transition has started with Primary 6 buddies involved in some events.

High school visits for Primary 7 pupils will take place in May and June.

Upcoming events:

Friday 16th May P1C assembly

Monday 19th May Snapshot jotters home

29th and 30th May P7 transition visit to St Andrews High

Friday 30th May P6N assembly

Monday 2nd June Parent Council meeting@1815 AGM

Monday 2nd June Health week

10th and 11th June P7 transition visit to Coatbridge High

11th and 12th June P4 and P5 Summer show

Friday 13th June end of session reports issued

Tuesday 17th June P7 Graduation @1330

Tuesday 17th June Nursery Graduation @1830

Thursday 19th June Summer service @1930

Friday 20th June Meet the teacher transition

Monday 23rd June P7 leavers treat

Wednesday 25th June Dress down day, school closes at 1300

6. Summer Disco: Thursday 12th June

DJ confirmed. Volunteers required. NN will seek volunteers on social media platforms.

P1-3 1830-1930, P4-7 2000-2100. Cost £3 per child or £5 for a family ticket. Money to class teacher from Tuesday 27th May. Flavoured water and plain water to be provided instead of cans of juice following feedback from last disco.

7. PVG Requirement

Following new legislation regarding PVG's and regulated roles introduced on 1st May 2025 the understanding is that Parent Council members and volunteers involved in events with school pupils will require a PVG. NN will review the guidance and advise Parent Council members on requirements and complete identity checks as required.

8. Any Other Business

School kitchen currently closed and the parent forum is being updated when information is available.
Unable to offer hot school meals at present and snack to go is provided until further notice.

Safe walking consultation from the Chief Officer for education was forwarded on to all members to complete.

Date and time of next meeting Monday 2nd June at 1815