

## **Beith Primary School Parent Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018 6.30 – 8.00pm in the school staffroom**

### **Attendance:**

Amanda Doherty - secretary	Miss Dunlop (FD)
Amy Briggs	Mrs Mann
Laura Conlan (LC)	Mrs Watson (MW)
Fiona McClune (FM) - chair	Mr Lambert
Gemma Michie	
Joanna Shuttleton - treasurer	
Gemma Woods (GW)	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>Welcome</u></b></li><li>• Previous meeting minutes were proposed by GW and seconded by LC. There were no apologies.</li></ul>	All
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>Treasurer's report</u></b></li><li>• <b>Current balance - £512.99</b></li><li>• 6 wobble chairs paid</li><li>• £400 for the P7 leaver's fun day has been paid</li><li>• School diaries paid</li><li>• 10 pairs country dancing shoes were purchased</li><li>• No other funding had been committed and not yet paid.</li><li>• Accounts are currently being audited by Victoria McNee.</li><li>• GW has now handed all documentation over to JS. Noted that there are three signatories on the account.</li></ul>	GW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>Matters arising from last meeting.</u></b></li><li>• <b><u>school uniform ordering</u></b> – BE had agreed to send samples and it was hoped that these could be held at the school for parents to check quality and sizing. Schoolwear Made Easy (“SME”) had agreed to come along to the Learning Conversation evening on 31 January. It was agreed to take the commission from SME, rather than purchase goods. Awaiting amount of commission to be confirmed by BE.</li><li>• The wording on the school website had been simplified.</li></ul>	FM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>Family learning survey statistics</u></b></li><li>• FD advised that there had been some feedback regarding</li></ul>	

<p>Beith Primary Parent Council from the Family Learning Survey carried out by North Ayrshire Council, this included: childcare issues (especially for single parents); always having meetings on the same day; not feeling welcome or informed enough to attend. Noted that the parent council had tried meeting on a different day in the past but that this hadn't resulted in any additional attenders and had incurred additional cost, as well as proving difficult for existing members to attend. Noted that it may be possible to run a crèche in order for parents to attend. It was agreed to send out a survey to parents to see how the school and parent council could encourage more parents to be involved. GM to meet with FD to progress.</p>	GM/FD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Planning for Spring Disco</b></li> <li>In hand: DJ booked, Alison Noble is happy to continue to organise helpers, LC has arranged tuck, FM has prizes, AB will create flyers. Agreed to try to have games where children are not 'out' and therefore get bored waiting to join in again. FM to put a notice on Facebook looking for someone to run the games.</li> </ul>	LC/AB/FM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Parking at the school bus stop</b></li> <li>Continues to be a concern. The police have not yet booked any drivers. Agreed that the parent council would write to North Ayrshire Council and to the police alerting them of their concerns. Possibility of asking for the bus stop to be extended into the road as per the bus stop on Eglinton Street?</li> </ul>	FM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Learning conversation stall</b></li> <li>FM, LC and GM will man the stall from 6 pm (ish).</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>School policy on playtime activities for pupils in wet weather</b></li> <li>Clarification was sought on whether children sit all day on wet weather days. FD advised that the children move around a lot of the day as learning is through play, the children move from room to room in the course of the day, children undertake their Fit 15, they agree rules for wet play and bring in items to play with etc for when there's wet weather. She also noted that children are not allowed to run around in order to be safe.</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>North Ayrshire Policy on the Assessment of Dyslexia and Literacy Needs</u></b></li> <li>• North Ayrshire Council had drafted a policy and this was currently being used by the school (the school already had a policy in place). The school will feed back to NAC on how this is working.</li> <li>• <b><u>Scottish Government consultation on the content on the new Education Bill</u></b></li> <li>• This had been posted on the parent council Facebook page. Noted that the deadline for completion is end January.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>School report</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>Mrs Mann</u></b></li> <li>• P7's could receive a year book instead of the leaver's hoodies, awaiting on local business sponsors and a final decision</li> <li>• P7's Lockerbie trip is this week and there is lots of fun activities for the children to take part in.</li> <li>• Assessment for Rights report from UNICEF Beith Primary received the top Gold Award. Well done.</li> <li>• <b><u>Mr Lambert</u></b></li> <li>• Library is being updated with new furniture and new books. Surveys have been carried out by the children to get an idea of what books they would like to have in the library.</li> <li>• Book fair money has been a big help in purchasing books like Paw Patrol Phonics and David Williams books.</li> <li>• There had been no take-up of places on the Twitter workshop. Further dates Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2pm and 3.30pm</li> <li>• Internet safety week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> February.</li> <li><b><u>Mrs Watson</u></b></li> <li>• EYC had enjoyed a Burns supper complete with a piper from Garnock – Thank you P1-P3 enjoyed their Burns supper with country dancing</li> <li>• Enrolment for P1 – numbers lower than usual but we may have more children enrol by June. Early Year enrolment is this week – many requests for WRAP/Buy in as service now open from 7.45am – 5.45pm.</li> <li>• <b><u>Miss Dunlop</u></b></li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>School Vision Values and Aims:</b></li> <li>• FD reminded PC about the surveys and focus group discussions all children, families and staff had been involved in since August. This information has been collated and created into a document and picture to reflect the aims of learners and the drafts were shared at the meeting. FM to put on the pc closed group Facebook page and request comments by early next week.</li> <li>• PEF update:</li> <li>• All intervention planned have been undertaken and the initial results are very good showing impact on Almost All learners involved – specifically in the Talk Boost Programme. This investment, in staff, skills and materials to enhance literacy is showing promise that it will impact on overall attainment and close the gap. FD is planning further investments for next session – based on need and feedback from staff/families etc.</li> </ul>	FM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Next parent council meeting 14 March 2018</u></b></li> </ul>	

Dates for diary/items for the future:

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- \* Open evening refreshments: 31 January, 30 May
- \* Discos: 15 February, 17 May, 27 June (P7 leavers)
- \* Meeting dates: 14 March, 9 May, 13 June
- \* Easter Bonnet judging
- \*PC representation at bump up day

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