**Beith Primary School Parent Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 2nd of May 2018 – 6.30 – 8PM.**

**In Attendance:**

Laura Conlan (LC)

Avril Leith

Fiona McClune - Chair (FM)

Gemma Michie (GM)

Sarah Thompson

Carol Young (for Family Learning Team update)

Fiona Dunlop (FD)

Mr Lambert

Mrs Mann

Mrs Watson

**Apologies:**

Amy Briggs

Amanda Docherty - Secretary

Mrs O’Donnell

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| * **Welcome**
* Previous meeting minutes were proposed by Laura Conlan and seconded by Gemma Michie.
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| * **Treasurer’s Report**
* Treasurer not in attendance therefore no report given.
* Noted that the accounts for 2016/17 had been audited.
* School needs a cheque for £192 ASAP for P7 Yearbooks.
* Gemma Michie still owed £23 for the Easter eggs purchased for the Easter bonnet competition.
* Laura Conlan owed £20 for the payment given to the lady who ran the crèche for tonight’s meeting.
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| * **Update from Family learning Team – Carol Young.**
* Now on week 2 of Walk and Talk (doing a virtual walk around Edinburgh) attended by 2 adults and 8 children. Feedback has been good. Certificate will be issued on completion.
* Love food not waste – to promote the reduction of food waste. 2 hr session Mon 21st May 9.30 -11.30am. Max 10 spaces.
* A free First Aid course run by the British Red Cross Tues 29th May 12.45 – 2.45pm. Max 15 spaces.
* Park Live event is taking place in Beith Public Park on Thursday 7th June 6.30 – 8pm. Family activities and food. Free event.
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| * **School report – Mrs Watson**
* New posters re not parking near the school are up. Every family will receive a leaflet “Please park away from our school”. Less people now parking in the bus bay. The staff continue to discuss parking issues with the children at assembly.
* Next Generation concert at Garnock Community Campus is on 7th June.
* Emily Farquhar has arranged a cycle to Garnock Community Campus with the P7’s. The P6’s are doing a cycle to Lochwinnoch on 21st and 22nd June and will be looking for volunteers.
* Sports day for P1 – P7 is the 24th May. P4 – P7 in the am, P1 – P3 in the pm.
* EYC Sports day is the 6th June.
* New P1’s Induction visits are coming up. Parent workshops are on the 5th June.
* Bump up day 19th June
* Cinderella/Rockerfella show 25th and 26th June.
* EYC Graduation 20th June.
* Due to a higher intake in the EYC this year, the school is unable to offer as much flexibility with spaces as in previous years, this is due to the increase in the number of children.
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| * **School report – Mr Lambert.**
* Daffodil tea on the 18th April was very enjoyable and lovely feedback was received.
* The Spring Clean on the 20th April. Thanks to the parent helpers and the Eco committee who did a litter pick, clearing the perimeter fence and the closed in area at the school gate. 10 bags of rubbish were collected.
* The “new” library is almost ready to open. New furniture and books have arrived.
* Currently updating Sports Scotland award (Gold award). Looking for parent helpers to support clubs – doesn’t need to be sport. Basketball tickets for 2 games have offered by the British Basketball League, tickets are free, only the administration costs need to be paid at £3.50 per ticket.
* Mrs F Donnelly has retired. She had a good sent off. Many thanks for her years of service. Welcome to Miss McCready who is the new P4 teacher.
* The Nurture group has expressed an interest in music and Graham Perry (DJ) is helping them.
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| * **School report – Mrs Mann.**
* Software for the P7 Yearbook has arrived. Cheque for £192 is required from the Parent Council ASAP. P7 are also fundraising at present eg. Making toast and having a baking stall at the Summer Fayre, contacting local businesses.
* P7 transition dates are 6th 7th and 8th June. On Thursday 10th May P7 pupils from Beith and Gateside will visit Garnock Community Campus.
* The Book fair will be at school on 8th and 9th May (buy 2 get 1 free). Helpers needed to man the stall. The commission raised is used to buy books for the school.
* Residential trip for P7 is at Lockerbie Manor 12/02/19 – 15/02/19. Notification will be out soon re costing.
* P5 6 &7 are doing personal projects. Carrying out research in the class. They have a choice of how the want to present them. Prizes will be given out at prizegiving.
* Standardised assessments are being carried out this term as part of the children’s normal learning.
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| * **School report – Miss Dunlop.**
* Shown new banners re “A family of Learners” which will be launched at the Summer fayre.
* Those present took part in an interactive session re what the school does well and what could be better.
* School improvement plan discussed. Is it visible? Eg. Reading for enjoyment, Nurture, Leadership across staff.
* It was suggested that we invite Helen McNaughton from the Beith Community Council along to a meeting next year to discuss what plans they have.
* Budget challenges. Class sizes have been maximised, reducing by 1 class next year to 16 classes. No losses of staff.
* The Pupil Equity Fund. Great improvement has been noted with the Talk Boost programme. This fund will continue for a further year. It is hoped that a member of staff will get a place on the Reading recovery programme.
* EYC ratio of 1:8, open 8am – 6pm.
* Mrs O’Donnell has returned from maternity leave.
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| * **Parent Council matters.**
* Summer disco 17th May and Leavers disco 27th June. Laura Conlan and Alison Noble have matters in hand. Mrs Mann has asked if we could fund decorations for the leavers disco. LC will liaise with P7 re this. FM will contact the parent who provided the “photo booth” last year.
* No update re Fundraising.
* Summer fayre Fiona, Gemma Michie and Sarah will man the bottle stall. Have asked for donations. Fiona to provide letterhead to Sarah for letters requesting donations. Try local stores i.e. Co-op, Day today, Tesco for further donations.
* Learning conversations late night 30th May. Schoolwear Made Easy have offered to attend. Fiona to confirm timing with them. Refreshments.
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| **Dates for diary.*** Summer Fayre 9th May
* Summer disco 17th May
* Learning conversations 30th May
* Parent Council AGM 13th June
* Bump up day 19th June
* Leavers disco 27th June
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