

**Minutes of the meeting of Beith Primary School Parent Council**  
**Held on Wednesday 19th of September 2018 at 6.30 pm**  
**in the school staffroom**

**Attendance:**

Amanda Doherty - Secretary

Miss Dunlop

Amy Briggs

Miss McDonnell

Gemma Woods – Treasurer (for Treasurer's report)

Mrs Mann

Avril Leith

Mr Lambert

Fiona McClune - Chair (FM)

Gemma Michie

Apologies: Laura Conlan

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>Welcome</u></b></li><li>• The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by GM and seconded by AB.</li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>Election of office bearers</u></b></li><li>• There had been no new notes of interest for the positions of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. FM and AD were re-elected and GW agreed to continue to serve as Treasurer until a replacement is found. Parent Council to continue to advertise for a new Treasurer.</li></ul>	GM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>Treasurer's report</u></b></li><li>• Funds as at June meeting were £757.54, with some income and expenditure still to be accounted for. Update to be provided for next meeting.</li></ul>	GW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>Matters arising</u></b></li><li>• We have recently applied for a £500 grant from BCDT.</li><li>• No update on the £5000 grant applied for from the Co-op for funds to improve the outdoor space at the school.</li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>WRAP</u></b></li><li>• A parent had contacted the parent council regarding the cancellation of the early years wrap around service. Miss Dunlop advised that the service had not been provided this year as there was not enough interest in the service (needs to be economically viable). Anyone who would like more information on the service should contact the early years.</li></ul>	LC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>Hallowe'en disco</u></b></li><li>• This will be on 25 October at the same times as last year. LC is arranging.</li></ul>	GM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>Pop up banner</u></b></li><li>• GM proposed a design for the parent council pop up banner and this was agreed. GM to purchase.</li></ul>	

- **John Butcher (North Ayrshire Council Executive Director of Education) replacement**
- Miss Dunlop advised that there is a new structure for North Ayrshire Council Department of Education, please see NAC website for details.
- **School lunches**
- A parent had contacted the parent council regarding supervision of children at lunch. The school has updated the website to advise parents of the supervision in place, as well as other information regarding school lunches. Miss Dunlop asked that if parents have any issues regarding lunches that they contact the school directly.
- **School report**
- **Mrs. Mann**
- P7's trip to Lockerbie is the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 returning on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019.
- Mrs. Kennedy is working on **maths** and nurture this year.
- P7's are working towards life skills.
- PC Duffy to help children with internet safety.
- Eco committee are focusing on healthy eating
- Pupil council are focusing on anti-bullying and promoting positive behavior.
- The UNICEF gold level 2 award is to be renewed every 2 years.
- School house, sport and vice captains have been picked
- Breakfast club in the sunshine room is on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 8.15am to 9am.

**Miss McDonnell**

- Early years class is streamlining on working to achieve milestones within the children.
- P1's have settled in well
- Spanish revival classes have been successful and please contact Miss McDonnell for more information.

**Mr. Lambert**

- Beith primary received a Gold sports award. Well done
- There are a wide variety of sports for all ages and abilities with clubs running before and after school and at lunch time.
- Family learning worker Leeanne is in the school fortnightly starting Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 9am everyone welcome, parent groups in the mornings, internet safety in the afternoon at 2pm.
- Librarians and Junior road safety officers have been picked so please remember not to park outside the school gate.
- The school will be working towards its 4<sup>th</sup> Eco Flag this year and it would be good to have some parents involved.
- The parent council was asked if they could apply for the North Ayrshire Council Partnership Planning Participatory Budget.

FM

**Miss Dunlop**

- The Pupil Equity Fund for 2018/19 session has now all been allocated to resources as outlined in prior parent council meetings.
- Budget all spend on staff this year – Mrs Kennedy, Nurture/Numeracy, Mrs Kidd TalkBoost and wider achievements, Mrs steady, Reading recovery, Campus Police Officer, PC Caroline Duffy.
- The reading recovery program has had great success across the world and will help selected children but the wider school population as the training will be shared.
- Mrs A Kennedy has already established herself in the Sunshine room and Nurture groups are up and running. She has also been targeting groups for numeracy and maths.
- We have been asked by the GTCS to be in a video looking at the impact of PEF funding.
- GDPR ensures we must have all data check and permission slips returned signed to allow children to access all activities.
- School charity has been picked by the children and it is Finding Your Feet.
- The school will be reviewing the new online booking service for learning conversations (not applicable for early years).
- PLEASE COULD ALL PARENTS RETURN THE ANNUAL DATA REVIEW FORMS ASAP.

**Upcoming dates**

- Greatest showman sing-a-long 27<sup>th</sup> September 6pm
- Learning Conversations week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> October, appointments using the new online booking system (please contact the school if you have any problems).
- Halloween Disco 25<sup>th</sup> October
- Wrestling Night 29<sup>th</sup> November tickets available to purchase soon. The parent council agreed to help run the snacks.
- Parent council meeting 21<sup>st</sup> November.
- Christmas Fayre: 5 December 3-5 pm