

Minutes of the meeting of Beith Primary School Parent Council
Held on Wednesday 20th of March 2019 at 6.30 pm
in the school staffroom

Attendance:

Amanda Doherty - Secretary
Gemma Woods – Treasurer
Laura Conlan
Gemma Michie
Fiona McClune – Chair
Leonne Greer

Miss Dunlop
Mrs Mann

Apologies: Mr Lambert, Amy Briggs, Claire Greer

Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by GM and seconded by LC. 	
Election of office bearers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Leonne Greer as the new parent council treasurer. Thanks to GW for all her work as treasurer over the years. GW will contact current auditor to check that she will be able to audit this year's accounts. 	GW
Treasurer's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current Balance £1656. Clarification needed on whether lets have been paid for this year, some expenditure still to be reimbursed. Update to be provided for next meeting. 	
Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have received requests to buy football socks at £50 for 12 pairs. GW will look at sourcing these. Bats, balls and nets for the table tennis arranged to be bought by the parent council. Boccia club have asked for 2 sets of balls at £120. This was agreed. P7 yearbook, parent council have agreed to donate £180 again this year. 	GW GM?
Litter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Litter at the school seems to be an issue however children are volunteering to be litter pickers during break and lunch times. Please pick up any litter in and around the school if you see any. There are areas of the playground which the children don't have access to and litter blows in there. It was not possible to remove the bushes given cost, but also these are a windbreak. School litter pick is on Friday 26th April – all welcome. Community litter pick is Saturday 27th April, again all welcome. Smoking at the school gates is not permitted. Please do not smoke anywhere near the school. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School improvement committee (which includes Eco and other committees) meets every 2nd Wednesday but are flexible with the day. All parents and carers are very welcome to come and be involved. 	
<p>School uniform ordering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schoolwear Made Easy is no longer stocking brown trousers, however as these are still available from BE, Asda, etc there were no plans to make any changes to the uniform (having consulted with parents/carers a couple of years ago). 	
<p>Co-op Local Community Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanks to everyone in the community who has chosen the parent council as their local group to support. Current balance is £834.69 and a mid-year payment is expected over the next couple of months. - Parent council to source playground painting suppliers in order to consult with the community on what should be purchased. 	FM/GM/LG
<p>Parental engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Miss Dunlop said that there had been very few attenders at the recent anti-bullying event. She said that the aim of the event was for parents have their say on how children are supported through nurturing – children are the key to creating a more understanding community. - LG suggested video clips could be used to market events, to improve understanding of what the event was for. - The school is looking for any ideas on how parental engagement can be improved, so please feedback your thoughts. 	
<p>Participatory budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information had been received on the Fairer Food Participatory Budget, under which the parent council could apply for £1,000. Applications need to be in by 10 May and would require attendance at an event in Eglinton Park on Saturday 8 June. No one from the parent council was able to attend this event, however if there are any parents/carers who would be able to attend please get in touch in order that we can apply. 	
<p>Eco week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eco committee have been out doing community links to the Co-op, Spiers nursing home and Thistle Knowe. • Battery recycling boxes have been given out to every pupil. 	
<p>Arriba Familia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arriba familia has been a great success. Wednesday 27th March is the last one. <p>Family learning worker Amanda Muir is open for suggestions for new course and clubs. Please come along and talk to her.</p>	
<p>School news</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choir trips to Ayrshire music festival was a great success, the children sang beautifully and represented the school well. <p>Thank you to the children and to Mrs Roulston for all their hard work.</p>	

P5 trip to Belfast

- P5 enjoyed their trip to Belfast and getting information about Titanic.
- Lots of people commenting on how well the children behaved and represented the school.

Thank you all for the fundraising and help from local companies.

Upcoming dates

- Learning conversations: 29th May
- St Inan's Day: Saturday 15th June
- Meeting Dates: 1st May, 12th June (AGM)
- Disco Dates: 16th May and p7 leavers disco 26th June
- Judging of Easter bonnet competition: 18 April
- Parent council representation at bump up day – LG will attend