**Beith Primary School Parent Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 8th May at 6.30pm – 8pm**

**Attendees:**

Fiona McClune – Chair

Leonne Greer –Treasurer Miss Dunlop

Gemma Michie – Minutes Miss McDonnell

Laura Conlan Mr Lambert

Avril Leith Miss Irvine

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| * **Welcome**
* Apologies received from Amanda Doherty, Amy Briggs-Holland and Gemma Woods.
* Minutes of previous meeting agreed by Fiona McClune and Laura Conlan.
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| * **Treasurer’s Report**
* **Current Balance is £2157.94**
* £957.45 received from Co-Op Local Community Fund.
* Football Socks ordered costing £29.85.
* Table Tennis bats/balls ordered costing £19.96.
* Cheque for £120 given to school for Boccia Club balls.
* Agreed to contribute towards P7 year book, cheque for £180 given to school.
* Two wind-round-type table tennis nets to be ordered.
* Thanks to the parent who donated a table tennis set.
 | Gemma Woods |
| * **Co-Op Local Community Fund**
* £957.45 received in April from Co-Op as part of the Local Community Fund.
* Thanks given to everyone that has chosen the parent council as their local group to support.
* Previously agreed that the money would be put towards outdoor play/learning.
* Online brochures received from Thermmark, ESP Scotland ltd, Uni-Play and Azure.
* Various designs and sizes are available from all the above mentioned companies. LG to enquire if Azure is a NAC approved supplier and whether they can match the other companies’ warranties.
* Ideally school would like;

1-10 for EYC1-36 snakes and ladders for P1-31-100 for upper end (preference is 3m x 3m)It was agreed to start with purchasing the biggest square. Quotes to be obtained from 3 companies for these items in order that comparison made and an order placed. | LGGM/LG/FMcC |
| * **Eco Suggestion**
* Suggestion received via parent council inbox whether the school would consider becoming a recycling point for Terracycle and using single-use plastics as Ecobricks.
* Mr Lambert explained that he has looked into Terracycling but the storage boxes cost £200 each and the school really doesn’t have any space to store these..
* Collecting 2Kg of empty crisp packets would earn 200 points which equates to £2.00 for school funds.
* The EYC had collected 2 litre plastic bottles a couple of years ago to create a greenhouse, but this had been wrecked by weather and the school felt other ways of being eco-friendly should be pursued.
* Paper, cards, batteries and plastic bags can already be recycled in the school.
* The school has requested new purple recycling bins from NAC.
* Perhaps Terracycle and Ecobrikcks is something that the Community Council or Beith Trust could facilitate instead? Fiona to contact.
 | FMcC |
| * **Disco**
* AL suggested using the school disco as a means to engage parents. It was agreed to:
* Set up flipcharts in the foyer with key information which could be of use to parents, eg the new app which will be replacing texts (see below)
* Carry out a survey of parents/carers on both the parent council and school (c5 questions to be asked).
 | AL |
| * **School Update**
* From 3rd June **no more** texts will be issued by the school. The school will now use a Scottish Government supported app which is free to download called Xpressions. More than one parent/carer can set themselves up to receive messages unlike the old text service. Information has been provided on how to download the app but more guidance will be available at the Learning Conversations. Seesaw will continue to be used as will Twitter. All Twitter posts are displayed on the school website and the Parent Council Facebook page.
* School Values Day will be celebrated with outdoor games on 17th May and class visits to the park in June.
* Beith Trust are once again organising Sports Day on 24th May at the astro. P4-P7 will be in the morning and P1-P3 in the afternoon. EYC Sports Day will be held on 5th June.
* Unfortunately very few parent/carers attended the school litter pick on Friday 26th April. The school Eco Warriors were not put off by the weather and collected litter with help from our local MP. The good news was that there was not much litter to be picked!
* The JRSO’s are promoting Travel Smart Month with a competition, P1-P3 are to design a helmet and P4-P7 are designing a mascot.
* The school have been gifted some trees which local MP Patricia Gibson will help plant.
* The Digital Leaders attended an Online Safety Workshop at Saltcoats Town Hall. They will cascade to other pupils/classes.
* Both the schools girls’ and the boys’ football teams are doing very well, 2nd in the Garnock Valley League.
* School Cross Country Team in the top 5 for North Ayrshire. [with a couple of children receiving medals for top 3 places]
* Staffing numbers and classes have not been confirmed for next year yet.
* Bump Up Day is on20th June from 2pm till 3pm. LG will represent the parent council.
* £90k Pupil Equity Fund will be used towards Mrs Kennedy’s continued targeted reading and numeracy, a classroom assistance to focus on nurture, ICT and new whiteboards.
* Early Years to P1 transition continuing with visits from children out with Beith Primary nursery.
* P1 hosted a cake sale.
* P5-P7’s are taking part in golf taster sessions.
* P5-P7’s are working hard on their personal projects.
* P6’s are taking part in I-Bike Training finishing with test on 25th June.
* P7 transition continuing with a visit by the Science teachers from Garnock Campus, a day visit on 31st May and a Transition disco that evening. P7 transition days 5th to 7th June. They will also take part in Who Cares Scotland workshops.
 | LG |
| * **Upcoming Dates**
* Shorts and Shades Disco 16th May
* Sports Day Friday 24th May
* Learning Conversations week commencing 27th May
* P7 Transition day – first day visit 31st May – P7 Disco – Garnock CC
* P7 Parents Evening – 4th June at Garnock
* EYC Sports Day 5th June; 5th – 7th June P7 Transition days
* Parent Council AGM 12th June
* Bump Up Day 20th June
* P7 Leavers Disco 26th June
* Prize Giving 27th June
* School closes at 1pm on Friday 28th June
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| * **Next Parent Council Meeting Wednesday 12th June (AGM) at 6.30pm**
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