**Beith Primary School Parent Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 16th January 2019 at 6.30pm in the school staffroom**

**Attendees:**

Fiona McClune – Chair Miss Dunlop

Gemma Michie – Minutes Mrs Mann

Laura Conlan Mr Lambert

Avril Leith

Claire Greer

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| * **Welcome**
* Previous meeting minutes were proposed by Laura Conlan and seconded by Avril Leith.
* Apologies received from Amanda Doherty, Amy Briggs-Holland and Gemma Woods.
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| * **Treasurer’s Report**
* **Current Balance is £1047.99.** Need to check whether the cost of lets has been deducted.
* Role of Treasurer to be advertised.
 | GWFM |
| * **Disco**
* LC to confirm let booked for Thursday 28th February.
* PJ party theme, flyers to be designed and issued.
* Suggestion to ask the children what they would like at the discos such as games and dance routines.
 | LC |
| * **Learning Conversation Evening**
* Tea and coffee will be provided on Wednesday 30th January.
* Names and preferred time slot to be submitted.
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| * **Smoking at school gates**
* Complaints received regarding people standing smoking at the school gates.
* Parent Council to work with the Pupil Council to promote Healthy Living.
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| * **School Uniform Ordering**
* It was agreed that between the parent council and the school there just isn’t sufficient manpower to provide a uniform ordering service this year.
* School Wear Made Easy and Border Embroidery online ordering will continue to be advertised via Facebook and the school website.
* Orders must be placed via the parent council link to enable the school to benefit.
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| * **Co-Op Local Community Fund**
* Amount raised so far is £367.00.
* Link will continue to be promoted via Facebook.
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| * **BCDT Grant**
* Verbal confirmation has been received that grant of £500 has been approved.
* This will be used to subsidise the P7 trip to Lockerbie.
* BCDT also provide the fruit for the Child’s Play Breakfast Club.
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| * **WRAP Update**
* The WRAP around service in the nursery has restarted.
* North Ayrshire Council will continue to review this great service but they have stressed that it needs 5 or 6 children to be sustainable.
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| * **School Update**
* EYC to P1 transition has started. EYC children will join the P1’s in the playground and on trips to the library.
* P1 registration took place on Tuesday 15th January and Wednesday 16th January.
* EYC registration is on Monday 28th January and Wednesday 30th January.
* P2’s topic this term is “People that help us” and will be visiting Thistleknowe Nursing Home.
* P3’s topic is Robots.
* P4’s topic is Food and the Environment.
* P5’s topic is Titanic and will be visiting the Titanic Museum in Belfast on Friday 8th March. They will be taking part in a bag pack at the Co-Op on Friday 1st February from 12pm. A Race Night will also be held on Friday 22nd February in Beith Bowling Club. Tickets are £5 from Miss Clarkson. Donations for Raffle prizes would be gratefully received. Parent Council agreed to donate £100 towards the trip.
* P6’s topic is Kidnapped. This will entail Escape Room challenges using maths to solve crimes.
* P7’s have their trip to Lockerbie in February.
* All years will be taking part in the Big School Bird Watch – Any keen gardeners to get in touch with school.
* Before and After School Clubs have resumed. New clubs for this term are Basketball and STEM. Details of all clubs can be found on school website.
* The JRSO’s are preparing leaflets which will cover parking at the school. North Ayrshire “Parking Weans” have been received on loan and will be displayed to remind drivers to “think before they park” at our school.
* Digital Leaders will be involved in presentations for Internet Safety Day on Tuesday 5th February.
* Amanda Muir is our new Family Learning Worker. She is holding a Breakfast Blether on Wednesday 30th January at 9am. All welcome.
* The school is supporting North Ayrshires Young Carers. This will give children in our school not only a chance to have some time out but also to speak to others in similar situations.
* Miss Dunlop and Mrs Mann will be attending the Leadership Awards in Saltcoats Town Hall. The evening is to give the opportunity to celebrate successes and listen to guest speakers.
* All years will take part in the Burns Competition on Thursday 7th February. Winners from each year group will then take part in The Garnock Valley Cluster Competition on Tuesday 26th March in the school.
* The school will be taking part in North Ayrshires Respect Me – Anti Bullying Campaign. Parents/carers will be surveyed to ask which night would suit best to attend a workshop at the school. Displays around the school will be revamped.
* Miss Dunlop advised that the PEF money had been spent on teaching assistants, the Sunshine Room, Reading Recovery programme and the Campus Police. Funds for next year’s PEF money will be reviewed in April.
* Colin Hunter has very kindly donated football strips but new socks are required. The parent council has agreed to fund this. Mr Lambert to provide details of what’s required.
 | Mr Lambert |
| * **Upcoming Dates**
* EYC registration on Monday 28th January and Wednesday 30th January.
* Learning Conversation week commencing Monday 28th January.
* Breakfast Blether on Wednesday 30th January
* Race Night on Friday 22nd February
* Disco on Thursday 28th February.
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| * **Next Parent Council Meeting Wednesday 20th March at 6.30pm. All parents and carers welcome.**
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