**Beith Primary School Parent Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 12th June at 6.40pm – 8pm**

**Attendees:**

Fiona McClune – Chair Miss Dunlop

Gemma Michie – Minutes Miss McDonnell

Laura Conlan Mr Lambert

Avril Leith Mrs Mann

Hayley McGoldrick

Gemma Woods

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| * **Welcome**
* Minutes of previous meeting agreed by Gemma Michie and Avril Leith.
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| * **Treasurer’s Report**
* Current balance is **£1,404.52.** The balance from Co-Op Funding (which is held separately) is £957.45.
* The school is investigating using learning journals instead of pupil planners. Pupil planners will be used for 2019/20. The parent council is hopeful of part-funding the pupil planners once all costs for 2018/19 year are finalised.
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| * **Co-Op Local Community Fund**
* Previously agreed that the money would be put towards outdoor play/learning.
* Four companies were contacted and prices/designs compared for a 100 Number Square Grid for upper end.
* NAC-approved and locally-based company Azure Orange was chosen and the intention is that the grid will be installed over the summer.
* Last instalment due in October/November when another order will be placed for other designs for the playground.
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| * **P1 Induction Suggestion**
* Suggestion was received to condense the P1 Induction over a shorter timescale to accommodate working parents.
* P1 Induction Programme has been devised over years using feedback from parents/carers as well as best practice. It is proven that transition over a longer timescale is more successful and is deliberately not condensed.
* Children and parents/carers can build a good rapport with the school and therefore raise any concerns before child starts P1.
* Letters are issued in February advising of dates and times stating that it does not need to be the same person who attends each event. Miss McDonnell was happy to receive feedback from parents/carers regarding this.
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| * **Results of parent/carer survey**
* 32 parents/carers completed our survey at the Shorts & Shades Disco in May.
* 10 people said they would maybe be interested in coming along to meetings and 6 said they would attend.
* Reasons for non-attendance were mainly too busy, other commitments, childcare, work and didn’t know when meetings were.
* Wednesday evenings still seem to suit best.
* Agreed to organise crèche for meeting in September and to keep advertising meetings in advance via Facebook and Expressions App and to try to increase the marketing of the parent council.
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| * **P7 Leavers Disco**
* Disco will be held on Wednesday 26th June at 7pm till 8.30pm.
* Parent Council to decorate hall.
* Selena Carruthers from Enlighten My Day will be providing various items.
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| * **Dates of next year’s meetings and disco’s**
* Meeting dates (all Wednesdays): 11 September, 13 November; 15 January; 18 March; 6 May; 10 June.
* Disco's (Thursdays): 24 Oct; 6 February; 14 May + P7 leavers disco.
* AD to book lets.
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| * **Forest Kindergarten**
* A Forest Kindergarten is a type of pre-school education which is held exclusively outdoors. Whatever the weather, children are encouraged to play, explore and learn in a forest or natural environment. Adult supervision is meant to assist rather than lead.
* Looking to raise funds to develop garden at the back of the school. Toilets, polytunnel and vegetable patch are some of the ideas given.
* Also intending to work together with Beith Trust.
* The school would PC Duffy and parents to help walk children to Speirs School to make use of the grounds.
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| * **School Update**
* EYC transition has been very successful with the Parents Learning Afternoon being very well attended. Class were announced.
* EYC Lunch went well with 100 plus meals made.
* Not a dry eye in the house at the EYC Graduation today, they were all stars.
* EYC Sports Day went very well even though the weather was not on our side.
* The Early Years will be altered to provide appropriate space for 1140 hours of free child care starting August 2020. Plans have been shared with staff and will be with parents and families as any alterations begin.
* Information on the Wrap Around Service has been issued in preparation for the start of the new school year. At present only 3 families have shown interest and the school requires 6 for the service to operate.
* Feedback from Miss Lyons PEEP Group was fantastic. Very well attended and hopefully will continue again next year.
* Invitations have been issued to those who attended Arriba Familia. This was a family learning Spanish together programme ran by the Family Learning Team for P1 to P3 pupils. Hoping that the programme will run again next year for older pupils.
* Grant Gilmour has been running very popular golf coaching sessions. Golf Nights are on throughout the summer and Junior Membership at Beith Golf Club is free (usually £60) with an adult member.
* The girl’s football team joined 22 teams at Kilwinning Sports Club to celebrate girls in football and the start of the Woman’s World Cup.
* The boy’s football team qualified for the Champions League held at Kilwinning Sports Club.
* P4 Athletics Team won Gold at the Garnock Valley Active Schools Competition.
* The P4-P7’s have been learning coding at Beith Library. This will continue next year.
* P7’s completed a Playleader Course which was put into practise when they helped run Sports Day. Mr Nimmo from Garnock Community Campus is keen for the children to continue using their skills when they move up to first year. Thanks given to Mr Lambert and Ewan Jamieson for another successful Sports Day.
* P7 transition has been very successful. The children enjoyed their time at the campus and have already been given their timetables. High quality feedback was received on how polite and well behaved our children are.
* Invitations to Prize Giving have been given out.
* Reward Values Day – Trip to the park for the winning house.
* Pupil Equity Fund committed for next year. Mrs Kennedy will continue with Nurture and Mrs Stead with Reading Recovery. The impact on the children has been huge and all children involved have made good progress. Next year teaching assistants will be trained on a programme called Boosting Reading and will be used throughout the school.
* There will be 17 classes next year. Teachers will be announced ahead of Bump Up Day. 2 new teachers.
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| * **AOB**
* The Group Call Expressions App replaced the school text messaging service on Monday 3rd June. To date only 100 families have downloaded the free app. Important information will be missed so if you are experiencing login problems please contact Mrs Griffiths in the office. GM will continue to advertise on Facebook.
* “What Do Percentage Attendance Figures Mean?” leaflet provided and results discussed. Will also be shared via Twitter and Facebook.
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| * **Important Dates**
* Bump Up Day Thursday 20th June
* P7 Leavers Disco Wednesday 26th June
* Prize Giving Thursday 27th June
* Church Service Friday 28th June
* School closes at **1pm** on Friday 28th June
* School resumes on Monday 19th August
* The next Parent Council Meeting will be on **Wednesday 11th September** at 6.30pm in the staff room. All parents/carers welcome, we are always looking for help and new ideas. Please come along and hear what’s going on in the school.
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