**Minutes of the meeting of Beith Primary School Parent Council**

**Held on Wednesday 11th of September 2019 at 6.30 pm**

**in the school staffroom**

**Attendance:**

Amanda Doherty - Secretary Miss Dunlop

Gemma Michie - Treasurer Mr Lambert

Fiona McClune – Chair Mrs McDonnell

Anna Sutherland

Avril Leith **Apologies:**

Lisa Davenport Mrs Mann

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| **Welcome**  The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by GM and seconded by AL | | | **Action** |
| **Election of office bearers**  Amanda Doherty still happy to be secretary.  Looking for a new chair and treasurer if you are interested please contact the parent council on email or Facebook or come along to the next meeting. Many thanks to GM for stepping in to the role of treasurer until this can be filled.  With many thanks to Laura Conlan for her help, particularly with the organisation of the disco's, over several years.  This will be both the FMcC and GM's last year on the parent council. New members needed! | | |  |
| **Treasurer’s report**  Current Balance £802.05, taking account of predicted expenditure for the year. Current balance of monies received from the Co-op fund is £171.45. | | |  |
| **Matters arising**  Agreed not to have teas and coffees at the learning conversation evening on 6 October, but instead to man a stall and have eg count the sweets in the jar. AL to organise. AS & LD are able to help man the stall from 6-7 pm.  Hallowe'en disco: Alison is organising. Feedback from some parents that there wasn't enough water available for children at the disco's and it was suggested that more bottles should be available for sale. FMcC said that the parent council tries to make the disco's as low-cost as possible so that as many families as possible are able to attend and was reluctant to sell more. Need to make sure there are water jugs available for children to access more water (as they aren't able to get into the part of the school where the coolers are). AL suggested selling school water bottles as a fundraiser and agreed to look into the cost of this.  Agreed to look at the Filshill costs for confectionery and see if an alternative supplier is more cost-effective. FMcC to check costs with Alison.  FMcC to check with Alison if she is able to purchase the prizes for the best costumes.  There was some discussion on holding a new event, and it was agreed to hold a film night in the last week before Easter, likely to be Wednesday 1 April, with a 6 pm start. Cost likely to be £10 per family. Noted that the school has a performance license.  FMcC had been in touch with North Ayrshire Music Service to see whether it was possible for senior pupils to play the music for a ceilidh. The response was that this could be difficult but hadn't been ruled out. Mrs McDonnell said she had a contact for ceilidh music and would check price.  The February disco will be a pj/onesie theme.  Suggested to have a quiz sheet before Christmas to raise funds.  The parent council asked Miss Dunlop if the school was happy with the new 100 number square which had been installed over the summer. Miss Dunlop said the school was very happy with it. The plan is to purchase two more playground markings when the additional funds are received from the Co-op in the autumn.  FMcC wondered whether the school needed new music stands. Miss Dunlop said she would check this.  Noted that there is no Christmas Fayre planned this year.  A creche was provided for the meeting but unfortunately no one had made use of it.  Queries which had been received from parents:   * Removal of ham sandwiches from the lunch menu. Noted this was for health reasons and had been a decision by North Ayrshire Council across the region. * There was a change this year, with the nursery returning on the same day at the P1s. Miss Dunlop explained that this was due to the extended nursery hours and that the staff had made sure that children moving into P1 were able to see a friendly face that they recognised. The transition had been thoroughly planned to minimise stress for the children. * It had been suggested that a new school photographer be tried, with a fresher, updated style. Miss Dunlop felt that the current photographer provided very good value for money, with good quality photo’s, however the school continues to monitor. | | | AL, AS, LD  AL  FMcC  FMcC  Mrs McDonnell  Miss Dunlop |
| **School news**   * Please do not use the school car park unless you have a badge to allow you to park there. * Idling Engines – please ensure you do not keep your engine running whilst waiting for children – it causes poor air quality and can harm your children.   P1 have settled in well to school routines, using play-based learning. P1 are learning about dinosaurs this term.  EYC have settled back in well and are doing a lot of outdoor learning. EYC have been going to the beach as part of the outdoor learning.  The school has an upcoming review with North Ayrshire Council.  Family learning worker Danielle will be in school on Wednesday mornings, come and say hello.  House and Sports captains have been selected. Well done to the Captains.  Eco and digital leaders and Librarians have been selected and have ideas to help improve their school and surroundings.  3rd Eco flag received. Well done to all involved.  School clubs are back on with something for everyone before and after school. |  | |
| **Upcoming dates**   * Learning conversation late nights: 6 October, 29 January, 28 May * Meeting Dates: 13th November, 15th January, 18 March, 6th May, 10 June (AGM) * Disco Dates: 24th October, 27 February, 14th May, p7 leavers 24th June. * Film night: 1 April | | |