



Brodick Primary School Parent Council

Thursday, 7 November 2024

Present: Jason Watts, Louisa McCormack, Pauline Robertson, Jane Boyle, Karen McKinnon, Hannah Duncan, Findlay Napier, Allison Conner
Apologies: Claire Johnston, Jessica McGuire, Claire Mooney, Jenny Duncan
Minutes: Louisa McCormack

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approved: PR
Seconded: LM

Matters Arising

PR advised the P7 hoodies have arrived, and everyone likes them.

FN, JW & KM keen for a P7 mainland trip and for the oldest class to go in future years. Everyone agreed PTA will fund this and CM and P7 children to discuss ideas of where they would like to go. This will potentially be in the Spring or Summer term avoiding the Lamlash outdoor week on 19-22 May 2025. A backup date should also be set in case issues with ferries. FN mentioned the Kilmory bus could be used and he could drive it. Mrs Boyle will look into drivers' licence and PVGs needed for any parent helpers.

PR reminded that previously, stage days were arranged to allow children around the island to meet.

Mrs Conner suggested we ask parents to volunteer in school again for reading groups. PVGs will be required and PTA agreed to pay for these.

There are three P7 parents leaving the PTA in June 2025 so a recruitment drive is needed. HD to put together a slide to advertise for this.

FN suggested we look into projects that could be done in the school and consider applying for funding. Suggested projects were new iPads for school at eight per class and four docking/charging points costing around £12,200. Other projects included the outdoor learning space and playground equipment. Some names were mentioned of people that might have time and experience of applying for funding and could help. Also, could look into Co-op community for funding. With regards to the forest land for the outdoor learning space, CJ was previously left with the task of looking into this so update for next meeting.

School show is on Monday, 9 December at 6pm. There are concerns about capacity of Brodick Hall so PR to look into this. It was also suggested there could be two shows to spread audience, one during the day for younger families and the evening one for everyone else. Mrs Boyle will raise this with Miss Mooney. FN will look into microphones and amplifiers for the show and PR will confirm date of the Lamlash Primary show in case they need sound equipment. We will charge for tickets and there will be a hamper raffle with prizes donated by staff. PR will also check with Miss Mooney if costumes are needed to be purchased.

Last year, Christmas gifts for early years to P2 were purchased by PTA for Santa to give out at a cost of around £290. It was agreed the PTA will fund this again. They will be bought and wrapped at the same time as the village Christmas party ones.

PR has asked Stagecoach to provide the Santa again. They agreed but asked if they could take photos. Mrs Conner expressed concern about this and suggested we say no due to children being used to advertise. Mrs Boyle will also contact North Ayrshire communications person to check.

The community Christmas pantomime is on 6-8 December. It was agreed that the PTA would not offer to take children due to lack of PVGs, however, we will purchase tickets for any children wanting to go to the matinee performance on the Saturday, but they need to be accompanied by a paying adult.

Head Teacher Report

Introduction from Mrs Conner and update on progress in first six weeks. New weekly communication email has started with positive reviews.

Treasurer's Report

KMcK advised balance is very healthy.

We will continue to try to raise around £3,000 a year. New suggestions for raising money include a Ceilidh and a Beetle Drive.

It was agreed that FN would consider the ceilidh with a provisional date of Thursday, 3 April 2025. KM to book hall.

Communications

FN has created a Whatsapp group for the parent council members.

As this is Mrs Boyle's last PTA meeting, Mrs Conner thanked Mrs Boyle for all her work over the years. She has made a huge impact in the school community and will very much be missed.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday, 23 January

The Meeting closed at 17:20.