



Brodict Primary School Parent Council

Thursday, 23 January 2025

Present: Jason Watts, Louisa McCormack, Pauline Robertson, Karen McKinnon, Hannah Duncan, Allison Conner, Claire Mooney, Faye Waterlow, Ali Murchie, Cara Cooke
Apologies: Claire Johnston, Jessica McGuire, Findlay Napier
Minutes: Louisa McCormack

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approved: CC
Seconded: PR

Matters Arising

A new fence is needed for the nursery. The council will not fund this as it's second fence. The PC agreed to pay for this. Mrs Brand is getting quotes and will arrange.

Ms Mooney advised the P7 class would like to go on an activity trip to the mainland. Go karting at The Garage in Kilmarnock with tenpin bowling and food was suggested. Ms Mooney to get price and look into transport. Date of 31st March is provisionally agreed.

All agreed that the Christmas school panto and Santa visits went well. We have still to pay for using sound system, KMCK awaiting details from FN. Ms Mooney wasn't aware of costs for panto so going forward, costs need to be agreed beforehand.

Ceilidh is going ahead on 2nd April with FN playing. CC will speak to Little Rock to discuss food options for the night. We agreed to pay for sound system needed for this at same cost as before. Ticket prices suggested were £15 adult and £5 school age child. FW will design poster and tickets with PR to sell them to school via ipayimpact for first week, then offer to community. KMCK advised capacity of Brodict Hall is 150.

There are 3 P7 parents leaving the PTA in June 2025 so a recruitment drive is ongoing.

Head Teacher Report

See attached from Mrs Conner.

Mrs Conner advised that LM as secretary should put agenda together ahead of PC meeting going forward, LM agreed.

Treasurer's Report

KMCK advised balance is very healthy.

We will continue to try to raise around £3,000 a year.

KMCK advised new signatories will be needed on bank as she is the only person left, all others have been removed. HD and Ms Mooney agreed to become new signatories. Their full names are Hannah Louise Duncan and Claire Mooney. KMCK will arrange this.

P7 Yearbook

Ms Mooney asked if PC would fund a P7 yearbook and they agreed. Ms Mooney will look into costs and software needed. Also, potential funding from Auchrannie or the Co-op for this which she will look into.

Swimming

PR advised that Auchrannie members now need to pay for the school swimming lessons at Auchrannie on top of Sally the instructor's fee. It is only for the P3/4 class this year, though a slightly longer block. Although no one was happy, we agreed to continue to pay this.

Fundraising

The school is still short of iPad and with fundraising efforts of the ceilidh and summer fete going ahead, we have agreed to buy these now. They are roughly £260 and need a £10 licence per iPad. The council don't provide enough and are slow at doing updates/refreshes. PR to get quote but should be around £7,000.

There is an Island's fund that we could investigate to see if they could provide help with this.

Playground equipment will be discussed at next meeting.

Mrs Boyle

Mrs Boyle sent a letter to the PC thanking us for the gift and help over the years.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 8th May, time TBC

The Meeting closed at 16.30.

Parent Council Head Teacher Report: Jan 2025



6 Arran Primary Schools
Brodick/Corrie/Kilmory/Pirnmill/Shiskine/Whiting Bay
Primary Schools and EYCs
Isle of Arran

General 6 Arran Schools Head Teacher Report from Mrs Conner	
Quality of Learning, Teaching & Assessment:	
Clear plan of what Learning Teaching looks like across our classrooms in place. Joined up collaborative sharing of practice across 6 schools and working towards Cluster approach Lamlash Primary of Arran High. Moderation activity up and running where teachers work together to evaluate lessons and impact on learners.	
Communication Strategy:	
Wednesday Bulletin up and running to ensure 1 stop shop and place where parents can be directed to if they have missed info. Move toward monthly HT Update. New Class Learning and Teaching Parent overview being issued end of week 2 every term.	
Staff Recruitment:	
Teachers, PSA, Dining hall supervisor, Early Years Practitioner, Depute Head and Principal Teacher in post. Working with NAC on increasing flexibility of staff to move around schools as needed. Liaison with Unions is required before finalising. This will take time.	
Staff training:	
INSET Nov - Outdoor Learning and Neuro diverse training INSET Feb – Promoting Positive Relationships	
Christmas Performances:	
All 6 schools shared Christmas performance with parents.	
Curriculum Opportunities out with classroom	
Day of Dance where all pupils in 7 schools met and demonstrated Scottish dancing skills performing to a high level. ASC. Arran Schools Sports Hall Athletics Tournament, Irvine. 3 rd place finalist across NAC schools.	

Brodick	<p>Admin of Agenda Item, minuting etc. Agenda to be generated by PC, school invited for agenda items and secretary to minute.</p> <p>Mrs Boyle retiring. Miss Mooney as Depute working closely with Brodick, Shiskine and Corrie.</p> <p>Visit to Glen Sannox has taken place. No further focus planned for now. We want to involve all island schools.</p> <p>Beg June summer fair. Plans to be put in place. Draft in new recruits now.</p> <p>DYW Navy Day – plans in place. CM</p> <p>P7 mainland trip plans. School have worked with P7 pupils. Pupil voice shared with PC for choices. Preferred date set end T3.</p>
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