



Brodict Primary School Parent Council

Thursday, 8 May 2025

Present: Jessica McGuire, Findlay Napier, Louisa McCormack, Karen McKinnon, Hannah Duncan, Allison Conner, Claire Mooney
Apologies: Claire Johnston, Jason Watts, Alison Murchie
Minutes: Louisa McCormack

Matters Arising

A new fence is needed for the nursery. The council will not fund this as it's a second fence. The PC agreed to pay for this. Mrs Brand is still looking at costings for this.

Ipads arrived and PC council have paid for these. Every class has a set and they have been very well received.

Education Scotland digital team have visited the island and are helping structure work for the digital schools award. IT skills are useful for older children.

A recruitment drive is ongoing.

Head Teacher Report

Update on 6 schools PC meeting which was positive. Discussed staffing levels, the speed of traffic outside schools, sharing fundraising, grant applications, and holidays for 26/27.

Pirnmill and Corrie have been holding Together Days which have been successful.

VE celebrations planned for 9th May

New classes for next term will be announced around 16th June

Support for looking after the school gardens is needed. Looking into holding a day to get everyone to help out.

Treasurer's Report

KM advised balance is still healthy at around £7k after ipads were purchased.

P7 Leavers

PC agreed to fund P7 leavers meal at Little Rock though on same night as high school concert. FN concerned re timings and querying with Mr Black if night can be changed.

PC also agreed to pay for yearbook for 13 pupils at around £200. High school are providing ties for P7 pupils.

Healthy Snack

Mrs Conner advised email she sent round regarding healthy snacks was in reference to NA council encouraging children to eat healthy and was not meant as dictating to parents.

H&WD

Ms Mooney is organising a health & well-being day at end of May/June for families to get involved at school with a range of activities like yoga, dance, mindfulness, bouncy castle, smoothie makers etc. Any ideas or volunteers to get in touch with school.

Ceilidh

Mrs Conner thanked everyone for successful ceilidh where around £750 was raised.

Eden Project Funding

Ms Mooney mentioned there is a grant fund PC could apply for from Ford Britain Trust. Deadline is 31/7 for up to £3k.

School Fete

This will be held on 17th June at 5-6.30pm. FN will ask for loan of Tom's bbq. HD has juice and crisps from ceilidh and Little Rock have freezer and ice cream left over from ceilidh. HD to ask Arran Dairies for any food purchasing of burgers etc. KM to ask Wooley's for rolls. Also need to look for ice poles, raffle prizes. LM to contact fire brigade.

Stalls will involve home baking, pupil stalls, guess weight of cake, tombola etc.

Teams call on Wed 4th June, 7pm to finalise details. FN sent link for call on whatsapp group.

Date of Next Meeting AGM

Thursday 27th August, time TBC

The Meeting closed at 16.30.

Parent Council Head Teacher Report: Jan 2025



6 Arran Primary Schools
Brodict/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. 3rd place finalist across NAC schools.

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