**Gateside Parent Council**

**AGM Monday 30th September 2024**

**8.15pm Via Teams**

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| **Attendees** |
| Fiona Dunlop |
| Catriona Logan |
| Alasdair Gillies |
| Laura McCleary |
| Beth Crawford |
| Laura Young |
| David Young |
| Jemma Whyte |
| Janice Wylie |

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| Item | Discussion | Action |
| 1 | Minutes approved from last meeting |  |
| 2 | **Selection of New Parent Council**  Chair – Alasdair Gillies re-appointed  Secretary - Laura Young re-appointed  Treasurer – David Young re-appointed |  |
| 3 | **Re-adoption of the constitution** | All in agreement |
| 4 | **Treasurers Report**  Final accounts discussed and to be audited  Notable contributions from funds :  Easter eggs for all EYC and Pupils  Beith Trust Nature Play sessions  School Xmas Panto  Tuckshop treats for children  Whole School Trip – Findlaystone Park  P7 Leaving Hoodies contribution.  Balance of Account : £1418.12 | JW agreed to audit the books and DY will circulate full statement of accounts thereafter. |
| 5 | **School report**  **Miss Dunlop**  Miss Dunlop wishes thanks to the Parent Council for all support and activities throughout the year.  The community garden has been well used with children and staff receiving veg home,  8 weeks into the 1st term the children are pleased to be back, staffing is back to 3 classes which is going well. North Ayrshire have funding issues as most LA’s do, but great that we are back to a full complement of staff Miss Cochrane, Miss Muir, Mr Wilson, Mrs Poole, Mrs Reid and Mrs Hill.  HMI inspectors report is published with a summary of findings available and a recent Quality Assurance Visit with Head’s from other schools found that the children find their voice is heard, validating practices at Gateside. The advice, feedback and validation for the practices at Gateside was positive, we have engaged learners, responding to questions and activities, answering questions and demonstrating a growth mindset, balancing out their shortcomings and encouraging themselves to try again.  Facilities management has made evening events at the school difficult, so the school is trying to work around this to ensure accessible for working families.  Roald Dahl day was a success with many wearing yellow and enjoying activities.  Gateside Flower Show; in addition to individual submissions gaining prizes the School’s entry in the Root Vegetable competition was very exciting for the children, when a prize was won.  Dancing and Netball returning this term.  P5-7 have had the creators of the App Synapta about making music.  Garnock Valley Pipes and Drums are providing a four week course.  Decider Skills continue with a strategy about “feeling the fizz”  Feedback following the Beetle Drive Open Evening was much appreciated,  The school are focussing on the love of writing this term with Steven Wilson providing sessions to increase opportunities to write and encourage anyone wanting to be an author. There will be competitions, a writing week, play/film scrips / showcase and examples on seesaw to encourage connections. | School has asked for help with Tennis balls and Footballs.  LY enquiring re a donation of Tennis balls and LY/DY will arrange footballs from Tesco. |
| 5 | **Fundraising**  Open discussion around the lack of NA funding and need for funds to be raised for the school, in particular to make the shelter in the field / community garden more useful for outdoor learning.  Gateside ColourDash to be arranged for Q1 2025, sponsored family fun day.  School show will take place in 2025, TuckShop / Raffle TBA.  Suggestion of applying to Tesco re community garden enhancement for outdoor learning.  Family Games Night / Movie Night / Racenight all discussed.  School-Fundraising.co.uk re printed teatowels etc.  Next School Disco, Dates provided by Beth for DJPC’s availability, | Enquiries to be made with Alter / Marshall Construction  Date TBA  Further meeting nearer the time  LY will look at next intake of applications  TBC  Provisional date 20th Nov TBC. |

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|  | Communication / engagement of new parents  PTC members delighted that we have new joiners and want to encourage other parents, Microsoft teams link to be provided for suggestions / questions for next PT Meeting and discussion of option to be added to PT group chat on Whatsapp | LY to arrange form for distribution by school. |
| 6 | **Closing comments**  Alasdair thanks the school for the excellent update, varied curriculum and development of our young people and to those on the call for their engagement and a very productive meeting. | Date of Next Meeting 28th October 8.15pm via Teams, link to be provided and circulated via seesaw. |