

## Balmalloch Primary School

### Parent Council Meeting - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 6.30pm at Balmalloch Primary School.

Present: Lisa Forsyth, Gemma Tallieu, Karen Maley, Vicky Brady,  
Nicola Buchanan, Louise Chambers, Nicola Dignall, Alison Meechan,  
Ruth McCarthy,

Apologies: Iain Brodie, Greg Shepherd, Lynsey O'Donnell

<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<u>Traffic</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ongoing issues regarding traffic and parking within the school and surrounding areas. Agreed that it would be beneficial to have an additional meeting to discuss this in detail. David Craig, Local Councillors and Local Police to be invited to this meeting. Date to be confirmed</li></ul>	Lisa and HT
<u>First Class Login</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Login details provided to all PC members</li></ul>	
<u>Parent Council led selection Training</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Next training date is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Please let Lisa know if you would like to attend.</li></ul>	All
<u>Parent Council reps at open nights</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Positive feedback obtained. These have now been placed within school gym hall wall for all parents to view.</li><li>Feedback questions - Update on Breakfast Club. This is a North Lanarkshire initiative and does not come out of the school budget. This has been running well within Balmalloch Primary, however there has been a lower than expected uptake. HT will update information on the Breakfast Club and remind parents that children do not need to be booked into these sessions and can turn up at 8.15am any day.</li></ul>	HT
<u>P5 Swimming Lessons</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Although funding for this has been reinstated, school are still awaiting confirmation on when this will start. Reduced opening hours at Kilsyth Swimming Pool may also have an impact. Councillor Marc Kerr, currently liaising with Kilsyth Swimming Pool regarding this.</li></ul>	

<p><u>Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some parents have reported that they are finding it difficult to keep up-to-date with all communication systems in place. HT will update parents on all the online communication methods currently available, also updating the app login details. HT feels it would not be the correct option to go back to printing newsletters as an ECO school and our responsibility for the environment. In addition, paper copies are not cost effective and the money saved would contribute to enhanced learning experiences for children. The school will continue to support families without access to the internet/social media. Information will need to be collected from our families to ensure the school can provide the support required .</li> <li>It has been requested that parents have an up-to-date list of all upcoming events within the school. HT happy to compile and provide to parents/guardian on a termly basis.</li> </ul>	HT
<p><u>HT Report - See attached</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further discussion regarding Nursery Garden maintenance. Suggestion made to contact local additional support schools and charities for support with the garden. Karen to provide further information to the HT regarding this.</li> </ul>	Karen
<p><u>Questionnaire</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Starting Points: a list of present practices of School, Family and Community Partnerships Questionnaire (Parent Council Health Check) was provided to all members of the parent council team. Please complete and bring to the next PC meeting to discuss findings.</li> </ul>	ALL