

PC Meeting – 9 May 2024

Rights respecting committee

The school have gained Silver Status today. It will last for 3 years and we should be on gold journey next year.

Stem Nation Award

Ruth confirmed that Balmalloch will be first in NL to receive that.

Digital Leaders

There is a project with older people who have limited skills. Using Kilsyth Academy.

Nursery

Mrs Stark uses snack funds for nursery to buy cereal/waffles etc. £2.50 per pupil or there about using for birthday/pressies etc. Indoor/outdoor status granted from Care Commission, can increase by 8 pupils. Gentle reminders not been given. Some things left to side i.e. Easter eggs/xmas pressies. Ruth will say about reminder and put HT report out to nursery. Laura asked if some can't afford it. Option to pay into paypal or bank transfer/standing order. Egg etc for kids who don't get can still be done. School are paying for learning journal but they aren't regular. Some parents want more updates.

Breakfast Club

NL said no agreed ratio, club charter, P7 to help but parental volunteers. Teachers in to do planning so they won't be able to help and not contracted to 9am. Laura asked if there is an incident who is responsible? Ruth and Erin are not always here. No legal requirement to have a breakfast club, down to individual circumstances. Two nursery First Aiders are managers, if anything happens. Is a volunteer group a solution? The bus could leave 5 minutes later and the pupils could be kept in the school until 8.50am.

Twitter & Comms

There are still some connection issues, but tweets now being posted. Mrs Grant was able to get this sorted. Policy being reviewed on posts.

SRG person to be at workload meeting with Head Teachers and Unions/Councils.

Comms to parents

Last minute communication, emails not signed often, straight forward and abrupt. Should be reviewed prior. We will look for a selection. Review Comms policy.

PEF Funding – Cluster model where need to bid for the money. Budget being reduced. Schools need to make up the money. Other things for younger kids. PEF funding no go as that pays for a teacher. Will be able to use staff that are in the school.

Swimming

P6 & 7 first then P5. P7 vote on residential or swimming. P5 & 6.

Dancethon

Raised money to get new smart board for some classes. TV screen in foyer for comms.