



St Brendan's
Primary School and Nursery
45 Barons Road
Motherwell
ML1 2NB

Parents Council Meeting

Date : 25/04/23

Time : 18.00

Meeting chaired by : Donna Matthewman

Distribution of Minutes:

All attendees
Catherine Sweeney
Motherwell Cllrs

Attendees :

- Mrs Oates (HT - MO)
- Donna Matthewman (C - DM)
- Lesley-Ann Henderson (SEC - LAH)
- Collette Feeney (CF)
- Kate Anderson (KA)
- Martin Grey (MG)
- Lynne Kellas (LK)
- Mrs Colton (MC)
- Mrs Cassidy (Clerk – MCA)

Apologies:

- Adelle Douglas (TRE – AD)
- Lisa Hewitt (VC – LH)



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<u>Reference</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Action by</u>
<u>1.00</u>	<u>SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE</u>	
1.01	<p>Positive response regarding social media (new facebook page). A few posts have now been put on and viewed. We have around 99 members. PC email address has also been used to contact PC regarding putting something on the agenda. School will continue to promote social media through newsletter/P1 inductions. MO to confirm dates for induction and PC will try to have someone attend to advise the role of PC. Community police to raise the road safety issue at the P1 induction. Poll results from facebook page regarding topics parents would like PC to focus on were road safety, uniform affordability, supporting pupil wellbeing and school social events. DM advised our minutes demonstrate that these are issues we discuss on a regular basis and will continue to do so.</p> <p>Our channels are: www.facebook.com/groups/stbrendanspcfc Twitter.com/stbrendanspcfc PC Mailbox – pcstbrendansprimaryschool@northlanarkshire.npfs.org.uk</p> <p>All are live now and we encourage parents to invite other parents to engage.</p>	MO
<u>2.00</u>	<u>UNIFORM COMMUNICATION</u>	
2.01	<p>MO inquired if Be Schoolwear are doing a reduced price bulk order again this year. Not a great uptake last year and a few orders that were placed were not correct. There won't be a bulk order this year. Discussion regards next year uniform . MO will put in next newsletter. P1 induction parents will be informed about the uniform at induction meeting. MO wanted it to be clear that the uniform does not need to be branded with school badge. KA to put this message out on facebook community. A reminder uniform bank is available for anyone wishing to use. Leaflet regarding the comparison of prices to be resent to parents. LAH to check if LH has leaflet.</p>	KA LAH



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3.00	<u>PE THIS TERM</u>	
3.01	In May there are quite a few shorter weeks due to holidays. Gym hall is used for lunch and nursery lunch so the children will get 1 slot outdoor PE each week and the other will be used for Dance/practice for the school show. MO advised this is first time we have been able to put on a show since Covid therefore it's a big task therefore the hall needs to be used for practice. Art Exhibition will be happening aswell. All children will be producing a piece of art this term.	
4.00	<u>RSHP (Relationships, sexual health and parenthood)</u>	
4.01	Enquiry from parent regarding RSHP. Looking for more information about what is involved in the lessons. MO advised St Brendan's do not teach RSHP as they are a Catholic school. The programme they teach is God's Loving Plan – Catholic school equivalent. They have made their own plan for Health and Wellbeing planned by school using different resources. God's Loving Plan teaches I am unique I am Special I am a boy I am girl. P7s get a letter home before these lessons are started to inform parents and the letter will have a link to show resources. MO advised there has been 2 parent workshops regarding God's Loving Plan in recent years. If any parent would like more information they are encouraged to contact the school.	
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5.01	<u>ST BRENDANS PARISH</u>	
6.0	Outwith holiday weekends there is the opportunity for children to attend Children's Liturgy in the parish at the 10.30 mass every Sunday. All children welcome.	
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	<u>ROAD SAFETY UPDATE</u>	
	DM wanted to thank everyone for continuing to push forward the Road Safety issue and for attending the meeting last Friday. MG invited 4 local councillors, Cllr Duffy attended, other 3 gave their apologies. Police officers attended. Chief Inspector has said he will send officers to the street outside the school on	MG



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occasion at 3pm to show police presence. News release to be organised by MG. Joint newsletter with Muirhouse and joint PC meeting to agree plan of year with periods of intensive action. Month/ 2 weeks/3 weeks of intensive action – Cllr Duffy will get traffic wardens to attend at the weeks of intensive action. Council have said the road will not be closed. New signs have gone up regarding not stopping outside school. Also there is a sign advising not to park on zig zags. MG asked, what do we want to achieve? What are we looking for the council to do if the closing of the road is unlikely? MO advised in previous years there was discussions about a turning circle but it never came to fruition. CF and MO noted the kids that spoke at the meeting did very well trying to get their point across.

STAFFING

Concerns were raised about staffing. Miss Burns was supposed to be a PEF PT post but has had to be used to backfill long term PT absence. PC appreciate the hard work of Miss Burns in covering. However, disappointed that she has not been able to focus on the PEF PT remit. PC raised that long term PT absence is a concern, especially with a nursery remit to manage as part of duties and next steps in HMIe report have been identified for the nursery.

MO- Thanks to the PC for their support during the inspection. PC thanks to the staff and congratulations on the inspection.

Next meeting date : Tuesday 6th June