



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

Parents Council Meeting

Date : 14/11/23

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)
- Miss Burns (MB)
- Lisa Hewitt (VC - LH)
- Louise Curley
- Chloe Robertson
- Karen Nailen

Apologies:

- Martin Grey (MG)



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<u>Reference</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Action by</u>
<u>1.00</u>	<u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u>	
1.01	<p>DM mentioned MG asking about a date for the traffic meeting to take place. MG to contact MO regarding a date for Muirhouse and St Brendans to get together. Fundraising committee had agreed to a list of resources to be bought for the school including some playground equipment. List to be revisited by Fundraising committee and items priced.</p> <p>KA to be added to the distribution list for PC minutes.</p> <p>LH asked if the minutes could be distributed within the timescales. MO advised Mrs Cassidy has no admin access to app. MO and EB happy to be reminded about the minutes if they are not distributed on the app. Breakfast club supervisor started and a lunchtime supervisor has been appointed.</p> <p>Budget carry forward has been approved.</p>	<p>KA DM LAH MO or EB</p>
<u>2.00</u>	<u>ALADDIN</u>	
2.01	<p>Organisation for the panto has been started and a plan of seating and buses has been organised. Most adults that will be accompanying the children are school staff and a few parents have been asked to come along. Snacks will be provided for all children, MO is grateful for the donations received to help with the snacks. NO parents to be parked in the church car park when the children return from Aladdin as that's where the buses will be dropping the children off.</p> <p>Message to be put on social media to advise the no parking in the car park. PC are aware it is a Friday night and are appreciative of the staff giving their time for this.</p>	<p>KA</p>
<u>3.00</u>	<u>CHRISTMAS</u>	
3.01	<p>Primary 4 and 5 will be a part of the Christmas service this year in the church. It will take a similar format to last year with the infant children involved but P4 and 5 will be included also. The Children's Christmas fayre will take place after the Christmas service as usual where parents can purchase crafts made by the</p>	



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children. All Christmas party dates and information should be on the app for parents. All information is on the previous newsletter for all Christmas dates for those that are not on the app.

4.00 **HEAD TEACHER UPDATE**

4.01 The children attended Cross Country qualifiers, children really enjoyed it even though the weather was very wet and some children will go back for the final next year. Some P4/5 children attended a Netball tournament. NL Challenge are working with P7 to complete challenges for their Duke of Edinburgh award. Education week is next week and there will be a member of staff from St Brendans and OLHS in attendance at the masses this weekend with some of the Caratas award pupils. Boys football is taking place on a Friday at the moment with two parents organising and OLHS Mr McGurk (PE teacher from OLHS) is looking to organise a football festival. Pitches at OLHS are being offered to be used for the boys to play games, they are in the process of organising this with Knowetop primary.

Science transition events have started with high school. Crib in a box is being planned for P1-P4/3. An initiative where the children take the crib home and say prayers with their family during the Christmas period. Parents night had over 90% turnout. At home H and WB survey to be completed. KA to put link on social media for any parents still wishing to complete it.

KA

5.0 Jotter monitoring and focus groups is taking place at the moment and it has been really successful. Children enjoying free writing and writing through IDL. Instead of See Saw school piloting my learning journals to share learning and assessment with parents, this will be started in the nursery. DM mentioned would be good to have a 3-18 learning journal that would go with child from nursery through to the high school. Learning pathways have been developed for the nursery in line with the next steps on the HMIE report.

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A parent asked about dance tasters within the school. KA has advised to contact the school for further information.

A parent had been in touch to enquire about dates for confirmation. MO advised it would be the Bishop that would make the decision regarding the date but no date has been confirmed as yet. MO has had no correspondence from the Bishop therefore it would likely be sometime in the new year possibly the last term of school, however we would need to wait on a definite date from the Bishop and it will be passed onto families as soon as the school is informed.