



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

Parent Council Meeting

23/04/2024

Meeting Chaired By: Donna Matthewman

ATTENDEES:

Donna Matthewman
Louise Curley
Erin Burns (PT)
Martin Grey
Chloe Robertson
Kate Anderson
Collette Feeney
Karen Nailen
Maura Oates (HT)

APOLOGIES:

Lisa Hewitt
Lesley Ann Henderson
Provost Duffy
Councillor Harmon

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Approved and issued.

DATE OF END OF TERM REPORTS:

In line with North Lanarkshire Council guidance to encourage attendance, reports will be issued on Friday 21st June 2024.

A newsletter with forward dates will be issued by Friday 26th April 2024.

HEALTH AND SAFETY INCIDENT:

Mrs Oates reflected on a health and safety incident in the school regarding a child's finger being trapped in a school door. Noted that St. Brendan's doors, were not all soft closing. Mrs Oates has

raised with North Lanarkshire Council who have conducted an assessment. The school is awaiting a response from the local authority.

P7 RESIDENTIAL 2024/25:

Mrs Oates provided an update on plans for the P7 Residential for 2024/25.

The school is focused on early engagement in the new school year with a view to offering parents and carers early visibility and options to allow for phased payment of costs. The school and parents council are also focused on fundraising which this year meant a significant discount for parents.

Working together, the school ensured every child, regardless of circumstances, was able to attend the P7 residential.

GLEE PERFORMANCE

Mrs Oates provided an update on the forthcoming Glee performance on 13th May 2024 at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall.

Circa 40 children are participating.

The Parent Council thanked the school and teachers the opportunity for our children.

Mrs. Oates also confirmed that children from St. Brendan's were engaged in the North Lanarkshire Active Schools Dance Competition at Airdrie Town Hall on 14th May 2024.

NURSERY FUNDRAISING:

Parent Council provided an update on nursery fundraising, including towards the end of term nursery trip.

Nursery Fundraising Night : Friday 3rd May 2024, 7:30pm start.

Tickets are available from the nursery staff. Further information on the St. Brendan's Parent Council facebook page.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Parent Council provided an update on the school fundraising.

£1,400 raised from the ladies night.

£3k in bank but focused on paying for swimming bus and First Communion gifts.

Summer Fayre : Friday 14th June 2024.

Fundraising Committee Meeting : Monday 29th April. Everyone welcome.

PEF:

In the recent survey, parents prioritised staff resources.

Mrs Oates noted a declining school role in the coming year which will impact funding for staff resources. School has 11 classes (to focus on smaller classes - raising attainment), however going forward due to lower numbers this will be reduced. Council will match PEF funding therefore as agreed by the parent body PEF will be spent on staffing.

HT REPORT:

PT role will be advertised in coming days.

Further to engagement with Education Scotland, Miss Burns has secured grant funding and will lead a pilot on child exploitation and contextualised safeguarding programme. Will be targeted intervention. Working closely with NLC child protection to write, develop and roll-out a pilot.

Clean Air Protest : Tuesday 30th April 2024 at 08:10am - Barons Road, Motherwell. St. Brendan's and Muirhouse Primary working together.

Air monitors have been secured from the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), with a trip to secured to Glasgow Science Centre (18th June 2024) for children from the Rights Respecting Group and Eco Group to learn about air quality.

6th May 2024 : St. Brendan's will feature on Education Scotland website for digital pilot.

Will support assessment for Rights Respecting School Gold Award.

Three children made it to Cross Country Final. School also enjoyed success in the North Lanarkshire Euro Quiz.

On learning and teaching, the school's current focus is on maths.

Enhanced transition visits are starting, supporting children who have additional needs to transition from nursery to primary school.

Mrs. Oates thanked parents who attended parents night.

Mrs. Shaw returns from maternity leave shortly.

AOCB:

Confirmations 5th June 2024.