



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

Parents Council Meeting

Date : 20/08/24

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)
- Mrs Colton (PT – MC)
- Collette Feeney (CF)
- Kate Anderson (KA)
- Lisa Hewitt (VC – LH)
- Amy Tollan
- Lewis Tollan
- Louise Curley
- Chloe Robertson

Apologies:

- Anne Cassidy
- Karen Nailen



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| <u>1.00</u> | <u>Parent Council Report on work of Parent Council 2023/24</u> | |
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1.01 DM shared a Parent Council report.

During session 2023/2024, the Parent Council met at least once per term. This allowed the Head Teacher to update the Parent Council on important school matters and seek the opinions of Parents/Carers where appropriate. The Parent Council worked in close partnership with school staff to ensure that all decisions were made in the best interests of the children in both the school and the nursery.

A highlight of the work of the Parent Council in the last year was involvement in the Clean Air Campaign in collaboration with Muirhouse Primary school. It was wonderful for Parent Council members to be invited to be part of this initiative and campaign. The achievement of the Gold Rights Respecting School Award was a fantastic result for the school at the end of the year.

The Parent Council regularly praised and thanked school staff for the wider achievement experiences offered to the school children. The school had phenomenal success in a range of activities. For example, being the West of Scotland Glee winners and performing in Dundee Caird Hall in the Scotland final. Also, the school achieved the Gold Sports Award and had a number of sporting successes, including in the North Lanarkshire Dance competition and in the Motherwell Cup football competition.

Both the Nursery Fundraising group and the School Fundraising group were represented on the Parent Council. A number of highly successful fundraising events were organised and the Parent Council was grateful to both groups in raising fantastic amounts of money throughout the year. At Parent Council meetings, discussions were had about the best way to spend money raised to benefit all children. Nursery and school children have benefited from better outdoor play equipment and contributions have been made towards Christmas and end of term trips.

The school and nursery benefit from having an active Parent Council, which is committed to improved communication with the wider Parent Forum through sharing Minutes and providing updates on social media platforms.



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Financial Report

Fundraising Committee. KA shared that we have £5092.50 in fundraising committee fund.

3.00

Constitution

Constitution discussed and agreed.

4.00

Parent Council membership and vacancies

New roles

Chairperson - Lisa Hewitt
Vice Chair - Donna Matthewman
Secretary - Karen Nailen
Treasurer - Kate Anderson

A member of the church still to be confirmed

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

1.00

HT REPORT

1.01

STAFFING

Some staff have changed surnames over the summer – please see the newsletter for further information. Mrs Smedley and Miss McShane are now permanent to the school. Miss Cochrane job sharing with Mrs Shaw. Learning



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1.02 support will be covered by Miss Cochrane and Mr Bradley. Mrs Colton will be teaching Spanish in upper classes. MO is hopeful that staffing will be provided by NLC to help cover maternity leave. Joanna from breakfast club is absent. Staff in school are covering at the moment until Joanna returns. The school is still looking for a lunch supervisor. Please contact the school if you are interested.

NURSERY STAFFING

Nursery staff is made up of some new staff members and there are members of staff absent at the moment. Team building is a big part of the plan going forward.

1.03

APP

1.04 The app costs £550 per year. Unfortunately the school budget can't be used to cover this. MO would like to encourage people to pay the £2 to be able to continue to access the app. All parents at meeting noted the app is a great resource to get information from the school.

School won £1500 from Tesco grant and it will be used for sensory equipment for the nursery.

1.05

UNIFORM

MO would like to thank all parents for sending the children in full school uniform at the start of term. She was aware of issues regarding various brown items. Please label **ALL** items with child's name and class.

Improvement Plan



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Improvement plan will consist of The Promise award, Numeracy, Creativity and Innovation and Health & Wellbeing.

Numeracy – Primary children have good attainment but takes a dip in secondary school in S1-3. Team teaching will be implemented this year with primary teachers and secondary teachers.

Creativity and Innovation - school are looking to refresh golden time clubs for talent building. Promoting Independence in all areas of the curriculum. After Christmas a creativity event which might include different expressive arts for June. This will cut down on practice time nearer June as it will be built up from Jan-June. School will be going for Silver reading schools this year. Staff have refreshed IDL planners and will use these this year.

H & WB – Miss Burns will continue working on the Health and Wellbeing project.
Nursery – Focus for nursery will be team building and improving tracking and monitoring.

Mrs Dickie will be retiring in November. MO and the parents noted how invaluable Mrs Dickie is within the school and stated how much she will be missed.

2.00

2nd September homework will begin. Homework will be consulted again if parents feel that this is worthwhile. Homework will be discussed at the parent council meeting in November. (**Not** the meeting in September)

Pantomime is booked for Ravenscraig at Christmas – information will be sent later.



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MO and all other parents at meeting wanted to thank DM who is standing down as chairperson for all the support she has given to the school and the progress she has helped make whilst in the role of chairperson.

Fundraising Committee update

The fundraising committee are looking for new members to help supervise events and organise fundraising activities. All money raised from this committee goes straight back to the children. Without enough members it will be very difficult to continue with all events that help with the fundraising. Please contact the school if you think you can help in any way.

Next meeting Tuesday 1st October