



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

Parents Council Meeting

AGM

Date: **29.9.26**

Time: **6pm**

Meeting chaired by: Collette Feeney

Distribution of Minutes:

All attendees
Catherine Sweeney
Motherwell Cllrs

Attendees:

- Mrs Oates (HT)
- Collette Feeney (Chair)
- Chloe Robertson
- Asma Ahmed
- Rachel Galloway
- Rowena McAvoy
- Amy Burns
- Councillor Kenneth Duffy
- Kaye Harmon

Apologies:

- Lisa Hewitt



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1. Welcome

Collette welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

2. Methods for Parents to Contact PC Members

Collette discussed with members on ways to promote the Parent Council meetings to try and encourage more of the Parent body to attend or bring any items forward for discussion. A suggestion was made to put out a reminder message onto Parent Portal a week before the meeting to hopefully encourage parents to attend, or if they would like an item added to the agenda, they have time before the meeting to speak to a member of the parent council so that it can be discussed.

3. Parent Council Profile

The Parent Council are going to work together to create a Parent Council Profile to highlight the work of the Parent Council and who the members are, so that parents know who they can approach, if they have any issues that they want discussed at future meetings. A group photograph will be taken at the next parent council meeting and Rachel Galloway will send out questions to the parent council members and the answers to these questions will be used to create the Profile.

4. Impact of Visible Fire Damage on the Children

Councillor Kenneth Duffy updated Mrs Oates and the Parent Council on the visible fire damage to Grange Tower after the serious incident that happened there in March this year. Councillor Duffy informed the group that the council have now taken over from Police Scotland and work should be starting soon to take care of the visible fire damage on the outside of the tower.

5. School Garden Clean Up

A recent Audit has taken place in the nursery garden. Materials have been ordered for the Nursery garden upgrade however they have not arrived so there is a delay in this work starting.

Mrs Oates shared the Janitors concerns about the bushes surrounding the school playground and how they should/need to be trimmed back, so that that they can be managed better. Councillor Duffy said that this work could take place and if a volunteer group can be put together, this work can be done but also potentially be part of a bigger job to enhance the school gardens/grounds. This work could take place in the Spring.

6. Traffic/Parking

There have been concerns surrounding the Chapel car park and the congestion in the mornings particularly as some parents are not parking in the spaces provided in the car park and instead are driving in and stopping their car for their child to jump out. This is causing congestion in the car park and in both directions on the road outside the car park. The parent council asked if the Carpark Acceptable Use Statement can be sent out via Parent Portal.

7. HT Update



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Primary 1 have settled in very well and they are engaging well with the play-based curriculum. Mrs Oates highlighted that the play-based curriculum has supported the Primary 1's in their transition from nursery to primary school.

Miss Burns is continuing her work across the council on the "The Double Digits Survival Guide", which highlights contextualised safeguarding.

Mrs Oates has been able to back fill the Principal Teacher role and appoint Mrs McGlone and Mrs Williamson. Mrs Williamson is a literacy coach and leads the literacy consultation process. Mrs McGlone is highly skilled in play-based and enquiry-based learning.

This year for Creativity, the learning experiences are going to be embedded through IDL. The children will be using 'I wonder...?' questions. The children will explore a different provocation, and this will include a number of independent learning opportunities. Children from across P1-P7 will be working on this. Primary 7 are currently looking at Africa and looking at reliable sources. The children are using station tasks and creative learning during this time. SLT will be visiting all classes to see how this is working across the school.

St Brendan's have been selected for the 'Knowledge about Language' pilot. This will include children from P6 & and Mrs Williamson will be piloting this. This learning will then be cascaded across the school.

The school are working in partnership with South Lanarkshire council in using a new AI Marking system called 'No More Marking'. Handwriting lessons have been delivered across the school too.

Both Homework and Meet the Teacher events were very successful! Homework booklets were created for all parents and carers to support the weekly homework, which begins after the October Week. Parents and Carers were also able to see some of the Homework tasks in action during the Meet the Teacher visits!

There have been many visitors in St Brendan's recently. Julie Barclay and the charity 'You are my Sunshine' visited for Skills Academy.

7. AOCB

None