

Blackford Primary School Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 13th of September 2022 via zoom at 6.30pm

Present		Apologies
Sarah Williamson		
Ms Margaret McMillan (HT)		
Linzie Ellis		
Katie Wilson		
Angela Reid		
Item	Subject	Action by
1.	The Chair welcomed those in attendance. Apologies: None.	
1a.	Quorum: The revised constitution is now in force therefore a quorum is 3. As more than three people in attendance the meeting proceeded.	
2.	<p>Head Teachers Report:</p> <p>Parent Council Notes Sept 2022</p> <p>School Improvement We have successfully started work on our literacy improvement priority. Mrs Hoggan has been training staff on a new approach and Mrs Whyte and Mrs Hoggan will be part of a national Improving Writing programme. Our priorities for this session are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To develop approaches used within writing to ensure appropriate and relevant progression in learning <p>The ECO group are up and running and the School Council met today. The School Council will be leading on Children's Rights and promoting our school Vision and Values. Space is available for a Parent member in this group...</p> <p>Staffing We have had our Area Support Teacher Miss Davidson back this term and she has been working with all classes developing Drama skills. Mr Howie our Peripatetic Supply Teacher has also joined us and, when he is available, he will be releasing staff to continue School Improvement work.</p> <p>Vandalism Following the installation of the gates on the shed we have had no incidents. It would be good to improve this resource the shed further-possible link with the High School/ Joiners?</p> <p>Pantomime Thank you for transport costs for this trip, we are going to see Jack and The Beanstalk. Tickets were £11 per pupil which has been reduced to £5 per pupil using the School Fund.</p> <p>Christmas</p>	

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	<p>The Christmas Concert will take place in the church on Tuesday 20th December- Aladdin Trouble. There will also be a Christmas Service on the 22nd Dec incorporating the Nativity.</p> <p>Gala</p> <p>The plan is to have a Family Ceilidh on Thursday 8th June in the hall, however the hall capacity has been capped at 100 people.</p> <p>Funding priorities- Forest School and Transport</p>	
4.	<p>Treasurers Report:</p> <p>Angela Reid provided the following summary –</p> <p>Our bank balance- £2552.44</p> <p>We received-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £24.50 from Easy fundraising • £240 from Blackford Highland games- (Guess the name) • £15 for 2nd prize float at Blackford Gala <p>We spent-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £480 on the Panto buses • £398 on P7 leaver hoodies. • £680 on Summer trips (Briarlands Farm/ Safari park) <p>Total out - £ 1558</p>	
5.	<p>Outstanding points from previous meeting:</p> <p>None.</p>	
6.	<p>Fundraising Update:</p> <p>Christmas Raffle- Everyone agreed we should go ahead with this, We are to ask local businesses for prizes, the sooner the better.</p> <p>Sarah has said her work are giving a voucher for a mid week stay. Sarah also knows a few businesses that she can ask.</p> <p>Angela is going to get a prize from Gleneagles, Linzie will get one from Tulibardine.</p> <p>Sarah suggested we organise a fun run with sponsor sheets. She also suggested getting parents to pay £2 to opt out of the run!</p> <p>Angela suggested we have stalls.</p> <p>Linzie will speak to Highland spring about getting some water.</p> <p>Katie suggested adding some obstacles.</p> <p>We can hold it in the park or games field, or around Blackford.</p> <p>It was decided we should hold it in Spring 2023.</p>	

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	<p>Halloween Disco- There is currently 53 children. Margaret has suggested P1/2 parents stay.</p> <p>The disco will be held in the Moray Institute on the 27th of October 6-7:15/30pm. Angela will email Live active to book. (She has since then confirmed booking 5-8pm.)</p> <p>Margaret will organise consent forms.</p> <p>Suggested charge is £1 per child which will cover crisps, juice and maybe sweet. Linzie will ask Highland Spring for water. Sarah will speak to Zed about ordering crisps/sweets.</p> <p>We can use the schools speakers but need to make a playlist.</p> <p>Angela is going to speak to Andrew to discuss decorations we used previously.</p> <p>Linzie will send Angela the info for making posters.</p> <p>We needed to organise disco lights- Katie has since then organised some with Stewart McNaughton at no cost.</p>	
7.	<p>AOB:</p> <p>Gala float- Linzie has suggest next year we do Beauty and the Beast, children can dress up as the furniture etc.</p> <p>Zoom- we agreed we are happy with the 40minute free zoom time.</p> <p>Promote meetings on Parent council Facebook page.</p> <p>Remove previous Primary 7 parents from Facebook.</p>	
8.	<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>AGM- 15th of November 6:30pm.</p>	