

# Braco School Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018

6pm – Braco School

**Attendance:** Jo Speed (Chair), Fiona Kerr (Treasurer), Dominic Edward (Secretary), Linda Dawson (Head), Helena Carey, Claire Crossley-Bell, Becky Davidson, Julie Davies, Sarah Dove, Marianne Heron

**Apologies:** Jenni Allardyce, Anna Black, Elaine McDonald

## 1. Headteacher Report

On 22<sup>nd</sup> March the school is due to be assessed for “learning and achievement”, to check how the school has been performing and improving. More information will be sent out to parents about this in the coming weeks.

The school is also due a HMI inspection (last one was 2008). This can be performed at 2 weeks notice, or just 2 days notice for a quick inspection.

LD is keen to improve the school grounds in the short term, even though the school buildings may be improved in the future as part of the school estate transformation. It was agreed to hold a playground clean up from 10am on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March. LD/JD will make a list of jobs that can be done. There will likely be some kind of food/hot drink arranged for helpers.

In the longer term there were suggestion to involve the local gardening club and ask the Ardoch Development Trust for money to improve the school grounds.

LD asked if parent council could continue to fund buses for class trips.

LD suggested that kids organise an Easter fair on the last Thursday of the term, in addition to the usual Easter service and Easter bonnet competition. Stalls to include (for example) Bric-a-Brac, Easter Crafts, Tombola and Home Baking. This event can largely be organised within the school, but parent help on the day would be appreciated. Proceeds to go towards a summer trip – the children are keen to go to the beach.

## 2. Fundraising

The idea of holding another quiz night was not favoured as it was felt this was not so inclusive, being more difficult for the children to join in.

It was widely agreed that we should organise a Beetle Drive (with raffle) instead in the summer term, with another Bingo Tea in the autumn term.. Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> May was agreed as a suitable date for the Beetle Drive. The planning of this event will be discussed at the next Parent Council Meeting.

Producing school tea towels, as had been done a couple of years ago, was suggested. MH suggested to have something themed around Braco that would appeal to the whole village, rather than just having drawings of the school children. FK will look at the last invoice we had for this to see what the costs might be.

JS suggested having another ‘100 square’ at the summer show, as had been done at the last Bingo Tea.

## 3. Future Spending

FK brought along a summary of the finances so far this year. In summary, Parent Council has funds of c. £1680 (*note this is a corrected figure from the sheet handed round at the meeting*) of which we have so far raised c. £1,242 this academic year.

It was agreed that Parent Council would try to fund two discos (ideally only one in school time), buses for class trips and a bus for a summer trip. Discos cost £170 each and a bus can cost from £250-300. Consequently, Parent Council would need to fundraise at least £1,500 over the year just to support these events.

FK asked if everyone would be happy that we pay for £100 Tesco voucher again for baking supplies. LD will check with Mrs Champion to see how much is left from last years voucher and how much is needed.

It was also agreed that a suggested donation of £2-3 will be asked for to help support providing a bus for the summer trip.

#### **4. AOCB**

The attached email (below) has been received from PKC regarding the Transformation of the School Estate. As can be seen, we do not expect to know much more about the future of the school until the next meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee on 21<sup>st</sup> March. DE noted that the agenda for these council meetings, which will include the options appraisals, is published on the council website before the meeting:

<https://perth-and-kinross.cmis.uk.com/perth-and-kinross/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/1701/Committee/15/Default.aspx>

MH reported continued problems with being able to use the school app. LD will look into it.

There is no further progress to report on childcare provision at present.

**Meeting close 1910**

**Next Meeting – Proposed change to Tuesday 27 March (from 20 March) so that it takes place after the PKC Lifelong Learning Committee.**

**From:** Perth & Kinross Council  
**Sent:** 16 January 2018 16:31  
**To:** Braco Parent Council  
**Subject:** School Estate Transformation

**Sent on behalf of Greg Boland, Senior Business and Resources Manager**

This email is to advise you that options appraisals are still being developed for Abernyte Primary School, Blairingone Primary School, Braco Primary School, Greenloaning Primary School, Methven Primary School and Logiealmond Primary School. This email is to confirm that it is the intention to present these options appraisals at a future Perth and Kinross Council Lifelong Learning Committee. The next Lifelong Learning Committee is on 21 March 2018.

A further communication will be issued in March 2018.

If you have any further questions or queries in relation to this communication please email [ECSResources@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:ECSResources@pkc.gov.uk).

Regards,

Greg Boland

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