

Braco Primary Parent Council

Annual General Meeting

Monday 06 September 2021 6.30pm

Via Teams

Attendees: Becca MacRae (Chair), Rachel Beaton (Secretary), Jenni Allardyce (Treasurer), Sylvia Lauder (Fundraising), Susan Ross (Headteacher), Dee Campbell, Dominic Edward, Gillian Elliot, Ross Nixon, Steven Thouless

Apologies: Adrian Davidson, Becky Davidson, Fiona Kerr

1. Chair Report 2020/21

Despite the pandemic there have been a number of activities during the year including the pumpkin hunt in Autumn, which received very positive feedback from the school and the wider Braco community.

The Christmas hampers were different last year with the bonus ball initiative. Thanks to Sylvia Lauder for creating the hampers and the wonderful support from families.

The STEM club started during the year with a different format than that which was originally intended. The purchase of the micro-bits and -bots has provided the children with a range of STEM related activities. In school, Mr Morrison and Mr Torrens took up the opportunity to use the supplies with their classes. Provision has now been expanded with the use of Kapla for the younger children in the school.

After a positive response to our google form, Parent Council arranged for an alternative uniform supplier through Logo Embroidery Scotland. This provides an alternative source of school uniform at very reasonable prices and a portion of the profit is returned to Parent Council. Parent Council have also provided a large amount of pre-loved uniform to parents rather than buying from new. The re-use of pre-loved items fits well with the school ethos regarding caring for the environment.

A principal focus of the Parent Council has been liaising with Perth & Kinross Council on the school estate transformation. The Parent Council will continue to keep the Parent Forum informed of the developments.

2. Treasurer Report 2020/21

Current Account		
	Carried forward from 2019/20	£701.81
Expenses	Games Club	£199.00
	Panto	£144.00
	Do It Outdoors	£480.00
Income	Photobook Sales	£264.00
	Bonus Ball Fundraiser	£303.00
	School Uniform Sales	£80.00
	Balance	£851.86

STEM Funding		
	Opening Balance	£3,000.00
Expenses		£522.00
		£210.00
	Balance	£2,267.01

3. Office Bearers 2021/22

Chair: Becca MacRae, Nominated Jenni Allardyce, Seconded Sylvia Lauder

Secretary: Dominic Edward, Nominated Rachel Beaton, Seconded Dee Campbell

Treasurer: Jenni Allardyce, Nominated Becca MacRae, Seconded Dee Campbell

Fundraising Co-ordinator: Sylvia Lauder, Nominated Becca MacRae, Seconded Rachel Beaton

School Estate Liaison – Gillian Elliot, Nominated Becca MacRae, Seconded Rachel Beaton

4. Budget for 2021/22

School trips are now allowed, so Parent Council should consider what funds may be made available. There is the possibility of a class trip to Edinburgh and another linked to a rainforest topic.

5. Fundraising

BM showed samples of tea-towels that have been received. There is also the option of canvas bags. It was proposed that we organised the sale of these in time for Christmas. Information will be passed to school and fundraising team.

6. Head Teacher Report, including School Improvement Plan

SR thanked all parents for their continued support, this is much appreciated by all staff.

COVID 19 UPDATE

SR informed us that the situation in relation to covid is always evolving. Handwashing and clean 2 is still in place. Mixing of 'bubbles' is now allowed. Use of hall for PE one class at a time - no Get Togethers are allowed in the hall yet though. Singing is now allowed.

At present if your child is a close contact to someone who is symptomatic or tested positive, they should do a PCR test. If it is negative and your child has no symptoms they can come back to school. A 'close contact' is someone who is in the child's household or has had overnight/ prolonged contact – not just sitting next to the child in class.

The school will not contact close contacts - this is done by track and trace. The school will only send a warning letter to the class.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2021-2022

SR presented the school improvement plan (SIP) for 2021-22. A copy will be available on the school website as soon as practicable. There are 3 key areas in the SIP – raising attainment; pupil voice and leading learning; and parental engagement.

Raising attainment

The school will the use of learning logs through Seesaw by getting back to what Seesaw was meant to be used for – sharing successes and development needs. By Sept 2021 all staff will have an understanding of learning logs and awareness of its use. By Oct 2021 all parents/pupils will have a clear understanding of it's use and purpose. A protocol will be shared and feedback has already been sought.

Regular monitoring will take place by the Head Teacher to ensure that the protocol is followed. The protocol will also be moderated through the LMG to improve good practice. Parents will be surveyed to see what is going well and what is not.

Pupil Voice

All children will feel they have a voice to influence life of the school. A planning wall will help ensure learners are contributing how they're going to learn and what they're going to learn. Minutes of pupil council meetings will be recorded.

Mr Torrens has been working to create links with a partnership school in Malawi. The school is also working towards the "Silver: Rights Aware" award from UNICEF.

Parental engagement

Almost all parents will feel included and involved in the school by June 2022. Parents are to be consulted on homework – a google form for this has already been issued. The school will collate information on parent's talents and would encourage parents to complete the google forms circulated on the app.

The nursery has it's own improvement plan on similar lines to the rest of the school. For raising attainment there will be a focus on numeracy skills. For pupil voice, pupil council will consult with nursery children for their views so that they are included. Nursery

children will hopefully also be involved with the partnership school in Malawi. For parental engagement, attendance at rhyme time will be recorded.

Action plans will all be uploaded onto school website.

STAFFING UPDATE 2021/2022

Teaching Staff

- P1/2 Mrs Champion (Mrs Ross Wednesday PM)
- P3/4/5 Mr Torrens (Mrs Ford Thursday)
- P6/7 Ms Merchant (Mrs Ross Wednesday AM and Mrs Ford Friday all day.)

Support Staff (now more flexible to move around the school rather than being in bubbles).

- Mrs Gillies
- Miss Lamb
- Mrs LeCornu
- Mrs Speakman

Nursery Staff

- Mrs Fridge EYP
- Miss Carey EYP
- Mrs Chapman PA

Visiting Teachers

- Mrs Gibson (Primary Pupil Support Teacher)
- Miss Davidson (Area Support Teacher)
- Mr Bulley (Guitar Tutor)
- Mrs Chalamanda (Violin Tutor)

COVID Recovery Staff

Dates and times are still to be confirmed, but the school is expecting to be timetabled a teacher and EYP.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

All children are now back in the hall for lunch.

EXCURSIONS/ VISITIORS 2020/2021

As may be expected, no residential trip are possible at the present – including a ski trip. School trips are now allowed though, as are outdoor parent helpers.

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

SR thanked those parents that registered an interest to volunteered as helpers.

TWITTER

The school twitter account is still being used to share wider school achievements. Permissions for photos have been sent out to parents.

HOMEWORK AND SEESAW

There will be an opportunity for a homework consultation via TEAMs and a short SEESAW 'help' workshop afterwards on September 22nd.

7. AOCB

BM informed that Charles, session clerk at the church, made contact with Parent Council to enquire about include the children in activities. For example, potentially opening up the Church hall for parents to meet.

JA requested any ideas for xmas gifts this year.

SR informed that the school are planning to have a nativity this year and are hoping to live stream or video for parents. It is unlikely that parents will be able to attend.

DC enquired whether a socially distanced carol singing/lights procession could be possible.

BM proposed a new WhatsApp group to replace the old BPC fundraising Group.