

## **Madderty Primary School Parent Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 22 April 2026

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Location:** In Person, Madderty Primary School

### **Attendees**

- Jackie Farrell (JF)
- Ashleigh Pink (AP)
- Samara McLaren (SM)
- Joe Hickey (JH)
- Nathan De La Haye (NDLH)
- Atalla Buretta (AB)
- Kirsty Niven (KN)
- Claire Quail (CQ)
- Suzanne Emptage (SE)

### **1. Headteacher Update**

- Term 3 was challenging due to two teachers being absent on long-term sickness.
- Mrs Marshall continues to recover and has lifting restrictions.
- Mrs Greig has returned.
- Thanks were extended to the Admin Team, Mrs Kinmont and Mrs Anderson for their support.
- Planned school trips for Term 4:
  - P3/4/5 to Glasgow Science Centre (Friday)
  - P6/7 to Dundee Science Centre (June)
  - P1/2/3 to Blair Drummond (TBC)
- Parent Contact meetings next week, with P1/2/3 delayed slightly to allow Mrs Marshall some more preparation time.
- Sports Day has been brought forward due to historically better May weather.
- House Winner announcement planned for Sports Day.
- Music provision has been successful, with 18 choir attendees.
- Mr Nicolson hopes to arrange a group showcase at the end of the term with the guitar class.

### **2. Staffing and Learning Update**

- JF acknowledged disruption experienced by pupils over the last two years and confirmed letters have been sent to parents outlining next steps.
- P6/7 will have one permanent teacher next year rather than two teachers.
- Staffing announcement for next year expected around end of May.
- One class will have two teachers (KG and JF), the other two classes one teacher each.
- Mrs Anderson will provide RCCT cover for all classes for half a day each week.

- Despite disruption, pupils are making good progress in reading and writing.

### 3. PE Provision

- A parent asked why Madderty does not have a specialist PE teacher like Comrie.
- JF advised the council does not currently have capacity, although a request has been made.
- Discussion took place regarding extra-curricular PE provision available in other schools.
- NDLH will ask Rachel Stott to speak with Nick Keilor regarding possible availability.
- Outdoor PE twice weekly has been difficult due to weather.
- For next year, Terms 2 and 3 will use Monday afternoons for PE.
- Tennis lessons to begin shortly in Methven on Wednesdays (subject to confirmation) for 10 sessions in total, three for each class.

### 4. Sports Day

- **Date:** 27 May 2026
- **Wet Weather Date:** 3 June 2026
- School gazebo available for use.
- JH to approach Tesco for donations of strawberries, cream, milk and ice lollies.
- Parents to be asked for home baking donations.
- Families to be invited earlier for picnic lunch with children (bring your own lunch).
- Health Week begins 22 June.
- AP to explore funding for sports kits.
- Gently used uniform donations to be arranged.
- Enterprise workshop planned for pupils to sell items on Sports Day.
- JF confirmed medals and trophies are available.
- SM to check for containers for strawberries and cream.
- CQ confirmed paper cups are available.

### 5. Fundraising

- Due to fund raising ask fatigue and a healthy bank balance, the Big Raffle will be postponed until 2027.
- Typical annual fundraising need is £2,000–£3,000 per annum.
- Larger costs include Christmas show (£1,200) and smaller items such as leavers' hoodies.
- Colour Run to be arranged by AP.
- NDLH suggested greater focus on support from the Hay McLaggan Trust.
- JF to contact Hay McLaggan Trust regarding a meeting with the Parent Council.
- Pupil Council has requested new lockers.
- JF to ask staff to identify priority school needs.

### 6. School Estate / Extension

- School extension delayed by two years.

- JF continuing to chase progress.
- Hay McLaggan Trust willing to fund completion, however council delays remain.

## **7. Ceilidh Feedback**

- Event made £8 more profit at Fowlis Wester than Madderty Hall due to venue fee structure.
- Raffle pricing was considered too ambitious and lessons learned noted.
- Overall feedback on the ceilidh was very positive.
- Agreed as an annual event around Burns Night.
- September Parent Council meeting to confirm arrangements.
- Future focus to be community-building rather than fundraising.
- JH to pencil in a 2027 date at Fowlis Wester.

## **8. Treasurer**

- David Crichton has resigned as Treasurer. Thanks recorded for his work.
- NDH proposed KN as Treasurer.
- Seconded by JH.
- **KN appointed as Treasurer.**

## **9. Choir / Music Provision**

- Choir currently funded by Parent Council and open to P3–P7.
- 18 regular attendees.
- JF to speak with Kat Grieve regarding inclusion of P1–P2.
- Request made for music to become part of curriculum during Autumn/Winter terms if possible.
- Morrisons Music Teacher booked for one block; JF to provide feedback afterwards.

## **10. Leavers**

- Leavers' hoodies are ready for collection from Bankfoot.
- NDH may be able to collect next week.
- JF confirmed all other leavers' gifts have been purchased.

## **11. Classroom Supplies**

- Parent Council agreed to provide a £50 Amazon gift card to each class at Sports Day for classroom supplies.

## **12. Communication / Donations / Homework**

- Learning Journals platform noted as not user-friendly.
- Email communication working well, though photo updates are missed.
- KN to investigate card reader/contactless payment options for donations.
- Parent workshop on maths processes to be arranged to ensure continuity of methods used between home and school.

### **13. Other Business**

- AB raised concern that no communication was sent regarding an Easter holiday running competition.
- JF apologised that this was missed.
- SE asked about GymFest in November.
- Parent support will be needed for transport to the hall.
- SE to work with Brooke on arrangements.

### **14. Next Meetings**

- **Next Parent Council Meeting:** 17 June 2026 (online via Teams)
- Additional out-of-cycle Teams meeting to be arranged to plan Sports Day logistics.