

### **Attendees:**

Jodie Smith, Lindsey Gibbs, Julie Jack, Mairi Kennedy, Shona Condie, Gill Scrimgeour, Leanne Barlow.

### **Apologies:**

Sarah Clarke, Kim Henderson, Rowyda, Charlotte Neil, Jon Storer

### **Headteacher Update:**

Staffing updates

- Ms Nicole Gemine has joined Ruthvenfield (fixed term, till August)
- Mrs Anisa Kerr is here to backfill Ms Matchim until end of Term 4

Bear Cub Group (Bear Design) - The Bear Cub group will be made up of 3 children from each class who will meet to review all submitted bear designs. They will look to pick elements from multiple bears to then be painted on the bear. We look forward to seeing how great our bear is!

The school House Captains and Vice House Captains organised a very easter egg hunt at the end of term 3, appreciated by all of the children. They also plan to share their next event soon, related to the World Cup - look out for more information.

Learning Journal: It was discussed that more engagement from families on Learning journal would be encouraged and welcomed by the school community. It is a great two-way feedback tool. Please take the time to review children's updates, like them and respond when you can. Any questions, please do reach out to the school.

Staff recently completed PACE training at Dunbarney primary school, this will be rolled out further within the school shortly.

PACE is "a way of thinking, feeling, communicating and behaving that aims to make children and young people feel safe"

P- Playfulness

A- Acceptance

C- Curiosity

E - Empathy

Attunement leaflets are being created to share with families to support adopting the PACE approach in the home environment too.

5 Parents are now PVG'd and able to support the school where needed. Huge thanks to those that have volunteered!

### **Treasurer Report**

- Total PTA funds currently sit at £3678.09
- £651.80 was made at the recent Easter coffee morning, huge thanks to everyone that supported and donated to this, including our children helpers on the day! This money will be used to purchase resources for the school. The school will share a list of what resources are needed with PTA shortly for purchase.

- Agreement was reached for the PTA to fund the accelerated reader programme for the school, the cost of this for the school will be shared with the PTA shortly. It was also agreed that the PTA will stop funding Learning Journal moving forward.
- Nessy is a learning tool that is currently being trialled within the school, if successful it could be something that the school look to work with the PTA to fund in future.
- The PTA are looking to organise a community cafe in June, an opportunity to bring our wider community together before the term ends. More details to follow as the event is firmed up. We will also seek to
- Shona and Julie are meeting with PKC funding team on 19th May, an update will be shared at the next meeting. The intention is to ensure we are aware and applying for all the right funding at the right times to support our school.

### **Cost of the School Day**

- The cost of the school day continues to be a focus. Considerations continue in ways to reduce this such as spreading the cost of this year's Pantomime throughout the year

### **Bertha Park - Primary School**

- JS shared an update she had been made aware of from the council, the latest date for school completion and opening is August 2028.

### **AOB**

- Saints in the community will extend into April/ May - MK has followed up for another update
- The playground committee will be sharing a leaflet with families looking for help to complete a playground tidy up on the 22nd May.

### **Action items**

- LG will speak to her neighbour who to see if we can get signed St Johnstone items to support community cafe fundraising
- SC to sign school up with the "labels" company for future funding
- MK to check with Cee Cee on family attendance/insurance for community cafe