

# BARGARRAN PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL

## FORMAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2024 – 6.30PM

### Item

### Action

**IN ATTENDANCE** – Alastair Lyle (Head Teacher), Gillian Mills (Chair), Laura Pearson (Minutes), Claire Harwood, Louise Provan, Sharon Stalker, Louise Wylie, Laura Mumford, Michelle O'Neill, Gemma MacVicar, Frances Quinn, Jenny Bell, Natasha Sherwood, Michelle Coia

**APOLOGIES** – Rhia Burns, Linda Morris, Lisa Porter, Renelle Sannachan

#### 1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING/MATTERS ARISING**

- There were no matters arising.

#### 2. **HEAD TEACHERS REPORT**

##### **Role**

- School role is currently 218.

##### **Christmas**

- The period leading up to Christmas was a busy period and included the following events:
    - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Fayre
    - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December – P4 and P5 Community visit to Blantyre Court
    - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Shows
    - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Pantomime visit
    - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Class Parties
    - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Primary 7 visit to Erskine
    - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas jumper day and ice cream treat
- All event were well supported and commented on favourably.
- Thank you to the Parent Partnership for the support provided through organising of the Christmas Fayre, paying for buses, food for parties and gifts from Santa. This support helps create a very good experience for children in the lead up to Christmas.

##### **Office Staffing**

- Clare Jones will start on Monday as a replacement for Alex Spearing who left at the end of November. Miss McKee will be off until at least 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Customer & Digital relations management as well as peripatetic staff will support our school office during this period.

##### **Football**

- Our school football team and our girls football team both played in tournaments at the end of November. Both teams enjoyed the experience and were successful in most of their matches.

### **Local Authority**

- Janie O'Neill took up the role of Director of Children's Services in early December.
- Heads of Service, Tracy McGillivray and Julie Calder, are both moving on from the authority to new roles in other authorities. Tracy started her new post on 8<sup>th</sup> January and Julie will leave in the early part of this year.
- Emma Henry (Education Manager for ASN and Inclusion) is currently undertaking the role of Interim Head of Service - Education (Inclusion and Quality Improvement). Gerry Lyons continues in his role as Interim Head of Service.
- Clair McCrossan, St Benedict's High School has been appointed as Acting Education Manager for ASN and Inclusion.
- The Education Manager linked to Bargarran Primary continues to be Julie Colquhoun.

### **Learning and Teaching**

- From returning after Christmas until the February break all classes are focussing on Scottish themed learning as part of their Broad General Education work.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Primary 4 and Primary 5 will be attending a Scottish Music concert in the Royal Concert Hall on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January.
- Scots Verse Assembly will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.
- Primary 6 will be hosting a Scottish themed Community Café on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February.
- Diversity Day focusing on Chinese New Year will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. This is part of our Rights Respecting approach based on Article 14 – freedom of thought, belief, or religion.
- An authority Quality Improvement Framework visit is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. The school's Education Manager, Julie Colquhoun, and a Head Teacher from a local authority will discuss the following with HT and DHT; attainment, self-evaluation evidence of current practice, School Improvement Plan and visit classes to sample the learning and teaching taking place.
- As part of our reporting procedures an Open Afternoon will be held on the afternoon of Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. This will be split into two sessions to ensure the building is not too busy.

### **Trim Trail**

- The bark at the Trim Trail has been replaced. The cost was approximately £1,200 with half met by Renfrewshire Council and half by the school. The bark was kindly spread by staff from The Spencer Group. The Spencer Group are the company that maintain the Erskine Bridge.

### **School Clubs**

- Active Schools are organising the following clubs during January and February;
  - Mon 3 - 5 pm - P6 – P7 Cross Campus Football and Health (St Mirren Charity Foundation)
  - Tues 3 - 5 pm - P6 – P7 Cross Campus Football and Health (St Mirren Charity Foundation)
  - Tues 3 - 4 pm - Fun Games P3
  - Wed 3 - 4 pm - Arts and Crafts Club for P4 (Miss MacVicar and Mrs Provan)
  - Wed 3 - 4 pm - P6 – P7 Cross Campus with Bishopton Rugby Club
  - Friday - Range of activities for all stages at Park Mains

### **3. FUNDRAISING**

- Disco changing date from 21<sup>st</sup> of March to 14<sup>th</sup> of March.
- Pupil Parliament considering arranging a sponsored game day.
- Parent Partnership to further investigate a sponsored Easter Bunny walk/Tough Mudder challenge/Rainbow Paint challenge
- Potential emoji challenge/wordsearch that is linked to a house win.
- Pyjamas or own clothes day.
- Reconsider position of Santa's Grotto at Christmas Fayre with the potential to move Santa into the stair well with a Santa story allocating time slots to children/families.

### **4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- £10 parental contribution to leaver hoodies with Parent Partnership providing the remaining balance.
- Discussion of Dargavel Parent Council's request to pause Park Mains high School Expansion. No other feeder school was consulted in this suggested pause with Bargarran Parent Partnership being opposed to the pause.
- Trading Standards Safe Consumer Guideline states that the Parent Partnership should not accept and re-sell preowned toys that may have batteries, no instructions, or magnets.
- Stallholders must have their own public liability insurance.
- After further discussion and investigation it was decided that we could not offer a hybrid meeting for those that could not attend in person.

### **5. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

- Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 6.30pm.





