

Bargarran Primary School – Parent Partnership

Minutes of Formal and Fundraising Meeting

Wednesday 6th March

In Attendance: Gillian Mills (Chair), Jacqueline Stalker (Treasurer), Laura Pearson (Secretary) Linda Morris (Minutes), Claire Harwood, Gemma MacVicar, Natasha Sherwood, Rhia Burns, Leeane Swathie, Laura Mumford, Frances Quinn , Jenny Bell, Louise Wylie

Apologies: Alastair Lyle , Louise Provan, Lisa Porter, Renelle Sanachan, Michelle O’Neil,

Fundraising

1. Finances

Submission of accounts to OSCR – Accounts submitted and balance at £6418.79 pending payments for P7 hoodies and prom costs.

- 2. Use of funds** – account is in much better position since Covid had an impact and now funds are available should any be required to support school and pupils. Any use of this fund has to be accountable, for example using funds for school-based resources due to authority cuts to money previously available for such items

3. Fundraising to June 2024

- Easter Disco – all organised, items for tuck shop purchased. Helpers tbc.
- Louise Wylie distributed ideas for school quiz to raise money – based on nursery rhymes/ book titles. Suggestions of charging £1 per sheet and offering a £10 voucher for prize.
- Other suggestions could be a dress down day in May, any other suggestions please share on the Facebook chat.

Formal

1. Welcome and apologies.

2. Minutes of last meeting – approved, no matters arising

3. Pupil Equity Fund spending 2024/25 – school role at 221, an increase of 19 pupils from last year. There is no update regarding pupil equity fund at moment.

4. Head Teacher Report

Role

- School role is currently 221 (up 19 from this time last year when it was 202).

Staffing

- Mrs Harris will start maternity leave at the Easter break. I am currently liaising with the local authority regarding a replacement staff member for Primary 2/1 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday until the end of term.

Scots Learning

- The focus of our Broad General Education (BGE) learning from starting back in January until the February weekend was learning about Scotland. This included the following events:

1. Celtic Connections Concert

Primary 4 and 5 visited the Royal Concert Hall in Glasgow on Monday 29th January for a Scots musical concert as part of the Celtic Connections music festival.

2. Parent Partnership - Scots Verse Shield Competition

The winner was Jessica Sannachan from Primary 6 with her recitation of 'Street Talk.'

3. Community Café

Primary 6 organised and hosted a very successful Scots themed Community Café on Thursday 8th February.

Diversity Day

As part of our Rights Respecting Schools approach we held our annual Diversity Day on Friday 9th February. The year the focus was Chinese New Year. Classes came off timetable for the day and children learned about the Chinese New Year and its significance and its customs.

Football

- The second Active Schools festival took place today where a team represented the school played matches against cluster schools.
- On Friday 15th March our Girls' Football Team will give their new strips an airing at the Girls' Football Festival being held at Ferguslie Sports Centre.

Extra-Curricular Activities

The following activities are currently being offered:

Active Schools

- Monday and Tuesday – Football and Health from St Mirren Community Development
- Wednesday – Rugby from Bishopton Rugby Club
- Thursday lunchtime – P6 Play Leaders Club for Primary 3 pupils
- Friday lunchtime – Girls Football
- Friday after school – Clubs at Park Mains

School Staff

- Wednesday lunchtime Chess Club
- Wednesday 3 – 4 p.m. P.4 Arts and Craft
- Thursday lunchtime STEM Club

Quality Improvement Framework (QIF) visit

- This took place on Wednesday 21st February. The school's Education Manager and a Peer Head Teacher visited the school and worked with the school's Senior Management Team to discuss the school's self-evaluation on two quality indicators: Self-Evaluation for Self-Improvement and Learning, Teaching and Assessment.
- The visit consisted of meeting with the Senior Management Team, class visits, meeting with a pupil focus group and a review of evidence put forward.
- It was a positive visit with strengths of the school identified and agreed areas for development.

As we are expected to be inspected in the near future the visit was beneficial in the preparation for this.

5. General School Finances

Insurance for partnership previously paid for by Connect (Information Body for parent councils)- this is no longer possible due to fiscal retention. This will cost approx. £150 per year.

6. Connect Information Sessions – please contact Gillian for more info on how to join the following sessions:

Tuesday 12th March 8-9pm - Parent Council info session

Thursday 21st March 4.30-6pm– How parent council connects with families in the community.

Tuesday 14th May – 8-9pm Role of Chair, secretary and treasurer

7. PMHS Parent Council Liaison Group Update

- Members of the council attended a very informative meeting with Head teacher Mr Dick on Jan 30th regarding the proposed extension to the high school.

This involved explanations of the proposed new lay-out of departments to improve the flow of the school and support the extra number of pupils.

- New additions to the school will include; purpose built IT suite, larger drama/music area, skills lab including Barista and hair/beauty options.
- External canopy and more spaces/places for outside, extensions to catering in general. Extension to gym and car parking. Increased ASN support, break away spaces for quiet and small group working.
- Other proposed changes may be removing the school bell to support smoother transitions around the school, split lunches.
- Opportunities already plentiful at PMHS but the extension will secure more subjects without need for consortium. 30 extra staff members will also be employed to support the larger school – a similar model and size of school in Larbert has been used as a guide to what will and will not work for PMHS.
- Push back from Dargavel parent council regarding the extension. It was also raised at the liaison meeting that a questionnaire issued was misleading. PHMS and corresponding primary feeder schools must be included in any meetings and discussion on the proposed extension.
- Renfrewshire council have voted that the extension will go ahead. Bargarran Parent council have submitted a letter in support, in response to the petition submitted by Dargavel primary parent council – no information if other primary parent councils have done the same.
- New statisticians have been secured as the pervious calculations of numbers in catchment area were discounted. Dargavel primary parent council is still referring to the previous estimate, but this has now changed. The projected number of pupils secures more space for up to 2050 pupils, without the extension the school will have reached capacity by 2027.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Wednesday 8th May 6.30-8pm

10. A.O.C.B

- How do we know who has allergies at disco tuck shops? This is known and shared by members of staff from school and pupils are identified to ensure snacks are safe.

- New positions available and ballot will be in September. A new chair will be appointed, and Gillian will arrange a handover after the AGM in September.