

BARGARRAN PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL

FORMAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER, 2023 – 6.30PM

Item

Action

1. **IN ATTENDANCE** – Alastair Lyle (Head Teacher), Gillian Mills (Chair), Laura Pearson (Minutes), Linda Morris, Michelle O'Neill, Claire Harwood, Gemma MacVicar, Louise Provan, Sharon Stalker, Louise Wylie, Rhia Burns, Laura Mumford

APOLOGIES –

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

- There were no matters arising.

• **HEAD TEACHERS REPORT**

Role

- School role is currently 216 with children split into 8 classes.
- Almost all children have settled well into the new term.
- This session we have thirty-five Primary 1 children. This is our largest intake in some years. Class Teachers: Mrs Hunter, Mrs Russell and Mrs Harris and support staff: Miss MacVicar, Mrs Wilkie and Mrs Healy are working with the children to try and support them all to settle into the mainstream setting.
- Our Primary 7 children have made a positive start to the year. The wearing of shirt and ties on non-PE days is strongly supported and looks very smart.
- We have also requested Primary 6 wear shirt and tie on non-PE days and this is also well supported.

School Staffing

- There was a late change in staffing as the authority approved a flexible working request from a member of staff. This resulted in changes to the teaching allocation having to be communicated after the class allocation was issued.
- The changes in staffing have provided the school with a small amount of additional staffing. This is being used to support learning at Primary 3, 4 and 5.
- Miss Cronin has joined our staff as a probationer teacher and is working with Primary 2.
- Mrs Wilkie has joined our staff as an Additional Support Needs Assistant.
- Mrs Healy is now working at the school as an Additional Support Needs Assistant on a full-time basis. Previously Mrs Healy was allocated to the school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week.
- Mrs McGhee is currently absent from work. Miss Mitchell is covering Mrs McGhee's timetable.

School Awards

- The school was awarded our fifth Eco Schools Green Flag Award in June 2023. We have now held Eco School Green Flags for the past ten years.
- The school was awarded the John Muir Award in June 2023. The award is for the development of outdoor learning and was led by Primary 5 and Mrs McGhee.
- Our school garden received the It's Your Garden level 2 award in June 2023. This is the second highest award.

P1 Phonics

- Primary 1 Phonics event was held on 24th August and was well supported and received by parents.

Let your Child by your Guide Event

- This will be held on Thursday 7 September.

Active Schools

- Active Schools co-ordinator is Fraser Buchan. Mrs Thompson has met with Fraser and requested support for a Girls Football Club as well as bringing forward the Primary 6 Play Leaders input to the first term. This took place in January to March last session.

Football Team

- The local school football events are now organised by Active Schools rather than the schools themselves.
- Active Schools were at risk of losing funding from the SFA if they continued to support the format of the previous competition. The previous competition kept a record of results and was played in a competitive manner with an overall winner. This is not in accordance with SFA policy.
- The schools require Active Schools support to referee matches and have adults at the venues to help with the organisation required. To continue with the matches the format must change.
- The format will change from regular monthly matches to two or three festivals during the session.
- Schools can still play friendly matches but the staffing allocations and the need to release teachers from their class commitment makes this difficult.

Photographs

- School photographs for individuals, families and classes were taken on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September.

Renfrewshire Council

- The school's Education Manager has changed from Susan Bell to Julie Colquhoun.
- Julie is an experienced Education Manager who has also been a Head Teacher and worked for Education Scotland in her career.
- The previous Director of Children's Services is no longer in post. The recruitment process for a new Director is currently underway.
- Currently Children's Services is led to Julie Calder and support by Tracy McGilvary and Gerry Lyons. Julie and Tracy's substantive roles are Head of Service. Gerry has previously been a Head of Service with Glasgow Council.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

- Chairperson – Gillain Mills
- Secretary – Laura Pearson
- Treasurer – Sharon Stalker

3. FUNDRAISING

- Halloween Disco Wednesday 25th October 6.00pm to 7.15pm and 7.30pm to 8.30pm.
- Gemma MacVicar to check what additional tuck shop sweets are required.
- Class teachers to decide on Christmas Fayre contribution.
- Christmas Fayre additional fundraising ideas:
 - Bouncy Castle at a cost of £80 we will continue with this,
 - Stall Holders (Claire Harwood will advertise on Facebook)
 - Homemade Games provided by Louise Wylie (Hook a Duck, Fruit Machine – 50p a shot)
 - Non-uniform days in exchange for Chocolate Tombola and Bottle Stall
 - Guess the Bear's birthday (Sharon Stalker to buy the bear)
 - Gillian to contact connect regarding stall holders displaying ingredients of edible goods
 - Setup of the hall potentially the 23rd of November to be confirmed

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Parent Partnership to produce a letter to the parent forum regarding the potential risk to the partnerships continuance if no parents offer to become new members.
- Rhia to source and price banners advertising the Parent Partnership including date and time of meetings.
- Moving forward Renfrewshire Council will no longer be funding the Parent Partnership membership to connect (£130) and therefore will need to take this in to account when allocating the yearly budget.
- Current bank balance is £5,441.80 and if Parent Partnership ceases to exist this value would be handed over to the school in full, including any additional fundraising funds raised over this school year.
- Gillian attended a meeting regarding the extension of Park Mains High School and the ongoing issues this may present in the future. (This information is ever changing and yet to be fully confirmed)

5. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

- Wednesday, 8th November 2023, 6.30pm.

