

BARGARRAN PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL

FORMAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 18TH JANUARY, 2023 – 6.30 PM

Item

Action

1. **IN ATTENDANCE** – Alastair Lyle (Head Teacher), Laura Pearson (Minutes), Michelle O'Neill, Claire Harwood, Gemma MacVicar, Louise Provan, Sharon Stalker, Johanne Hammond

APOLOGIES - Gillian Mills (Chair), Pamela Lawson, Victoria McKelvie, Linda Morris, Louise Wylie

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

- There were no matters arising.

- **HEAD TEACHERS REPORT**

Role

- School role is currently 201.

Staffing

- Mrs Mackenzie (DHT) returned to work on Monday 19th December. Mrs Mackenzie is currently returning on an increasing phased return basis and will return on a full-time basis on Monday 30th January.
- Mrs Thompson (PT) returned from maternity leave on Monday 19th December. Mrs Thompson has not yet started as she is taking leave she accrued whilst on maternity leave. Mrs Thompson will start back in school on Monday 6th March. Mrs Thompson is returning on a reduced basis of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr Reid, our current Acting Principal Teacher will leave our staff and return to St Fergus at the same time Mrs Thompson returns.
- The current plans for Primary 5 is that Mrs Thompson will take the class on Monday and Wednesday and Miss Mitchell on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. This is intended to provide continuity for the class.
- Mrs Spearing has been off work since the return from the Christmas break. This means that Miss McKee is in the office on her own. The result of this is that it may mean that the service through the office will take longer than when we have our full compliment of two staff.

Christmas

- There was a welcome return for a range of Christmas activities this session.
- The Christmas Fayre, Christmas Shows, Pantomime visit and Parent Council discos all made a welcome return.
- All events were well supported and those attending appeared to enjoy themselves.
- Thank you to the Parent Council for the support provided through paying for buses, food for parties, gifts from Santa and a treat for each child on the final day of term.

Lunchtime/After School Clubs

- The following clubs are being organised by Active Schools and will start next week.
 - P.4 – P.7 Dodgeball on Tuesdays from 3 – 4 p.m. starting 24/1
 - P.1 – P.3 Mini Kickers on Wednesday 12.15 – 12.45 p.m. starting 25/1
 - P.4 – P.7 Karate Wednesdays 3 from 3 – 4 p.m. starting 25/1.
 - P.4 – P.7 Mindfulness Club (with parents) from 12.30 p.m. – 1.00 p.m. starting 20/1
 - P.1 – P.7 Community Club Fridays at Park Mains 3.45 p.m. – 5.45 p.m. starting 27/1

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.
- On Friday 10th February we are holding our annual Scots Verse competition.
- The competition shield is full and we require to purchase a new shield.

Upcoming Events

- Primary 6 will be hosting a Scots themed Community Café on the morning of Friday 3rd February.
- On Thursday 2nd March we will be involved in World Book Day. Children will have the opportunity to come to school dressed as a character from a book and all activities will be literacy related.
- On Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th March we will be holding STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) themed days where all work will be STEM related. On Wednesday 15th March we are inviting parents and carers who have STEM related jobs to come in to classes and speak to the children about their jobs.

Industrial Action

- The next day of industrial action will be Friday 27th January, as part of the rolling programme of strikes.
- Further days are planned for Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st March. These will be national days.
- A rolling programme of two day strikes is planned to take place between 13 March and 21 April. There is no information at present when this would involve school staff.
- The decision on the service provided on strike days is taken by Renfrewshire Council and will be communicated by the council.

2. FUNDRAISING

- Christmas Fayre raised £2,408.04
- Reconsider the cost effectiveness of the children's individual Christmas item which they make in class.
- Proposed date for Christmas Fayre 2023 to be Friday 24th November.
- Suggested ideas for additional children's entertainment at future Fayre's such as Beat the Goalie, Face Painting and Glitter Tattoo's
- Spring Disco will take place on Thursday 30th March 2023 (may have to be changed due to possible strike day)
- Continued discussions of a possible Car Boot Sale with a proposed date within the month of May.
- Moving forward a parental donation may need to be considered when purchasing the P7 leavers hoodies.
- The Parent Council are currently taking into consideration the continued fundraising events of the P7's to help fund their trip and therefor will not be doing any small monthly fundraisers.
- The Parent Council will continue to be mindful of children's allergies with regards to tuc shop options at school discos.

3. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

- Wednesday, 15th March 2023, 6.30pm.

