

BARGARRAN PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL

FORMAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER, 2023 – 6.30PM

Item

Action

IN ATTENDANCE – Alastair Lyle (Head Teacher), Gillian Mills (Chair), Laura Pearson (Minutes), Linda Morris, Claire Harwood, Louise Provan, Sharon Stalker, Louise Wylie, Rhia Burns, Laura Mumford

APOLOGIES – Michelle O'Neill, Gemma MacVicar, Frances Quinn, Lisa Porter, Jenny Bell, Natasha Sherwood, Michelle Coia, Renelle Sannachan

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING/MATTERS ARISING

- There were no matters arising.

2. HEAD TEACHERS REPORT

Role

- School role is currently 216.

School Staffing

- Mrs McGhee returned to work on Wednesday 27th September. Miss Mitchell who had been covering Mrs McGhee's NCCT and P1 teaching responsibility on a supply basis finished working with us on Mrs McGhee's return.
- Primary 4 have a Post Graduate student, Ms McDonald, working with them for six weeks from 24 October until 2 December.
- Mrs Spearing will be leaving the school office to take up a post outwith the council at the end of November.

School Events

- Meet the Teacher event on Thursday 7th September was well supported and well received by parents and carers.
- Parents Evening took place on Thursday 12th October. The event was well attended and received by parents. The evening included an information table from our community partner EBI unites with complimentary food items for families available.
- On Friday 13th October we held a non-uniform day and accepted donations for the Renfrewshire Foodbank and EBI Unites Foodbank. The day was very well supported with each foodbank receiving amount of donations.
- The Hallowe'en Disco took place on Wednesday 25th October and our annual Hallowe'en Celebration took place on Tuesday 31st October.

School Closures

- The school was closed on Tuesday 26, Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 September and Wednesday 1 November due to strike action by UNISON staff.
- Paper based work was provided for children on these dates with staff available through Class Dojo

Local Authority

- The school's Education Manager, Julie Colquhoun, visited the school, met with the Head Teacher on Friday 15th September.
- As Mrs Colquhoun has just been allocated to the school as our Education Manager the meeting was just to familiarise with the school.

Extra-Curricular Activities

- Mrs Hunter is running a netball club after school on Mondays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. for Primary 6 and 7 children.
- Mr Lyle is running a chess club on Mondays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. for Primary 5, 6 and 7 children.
- Miss MacVicar and Mrs Provan are running an Arts and Crafts club on Wednesdays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. We had a fantastic response for this club and rather than disappoint any children the club will run in three groups from November until March.
- Mr Grant and Miss Cronin are running a lunchtime STEM club on Thursdays.
- Mrs McGlinchey is organising a Mindfulness drop in club for Primary 5, 6 and 7 pupils on Tuesday at lunchtime.
- Active Schools have organised a Dodgeball Club on Wednesday evenings after school and a Girls Football Club on Friday at lunchtime.
- The school football team will be representing the school in a local football festival at Park Mains on Wednesday 22nd November.
- The girls football team will play in their first football festival at Ferguslie Sports Centre on Friday 24th November.

School Sports Award

- We have recently been awarded the Bronze Level Sports Scotland School Sport Award for our engagement with sport and the opportunities provided to our children.

House System

- We are working on raising the profile of our House System this session.
- The established House Points are linked to our school values and are collected and added up on a weekly basis.
- This session we have held a House Quiz for P.4 – P.7 children. The categories and questions were put together by the Pupil Council.
- Primary 6 and 7 children are currently taking part in an inter-house football competition with the matches held at intervals.
- We are introducing soft toys as house mascots. There is an alligator for Arran, a bison for Bute a camel for Cumbrae and a deer for Davaar. The Pupil Council are currently visiting the classes to find suggested names for the mascots.
- Primary 1 to Primary 3 children had a colouring activity to colour their house mascot.

Trim Trail

- The annual inspection of P.E and playground equipment recently took place. The trim trail was deemed unsafe because the ground covering was not of an appropriate level. The quote from the company that carried out the inspection was in the region of £2,600. The trim trail has been closed as we look into who is responsible for meeting the cost of the repair. If this is the school we will look at how the repair can be carried out without the current cost quoted.

Space Zero

- Space Zero are a company who have been commissioned to support with the design and build of the new Dargavel Primary School. They will be working closely with Renfrewshire Council over the next year to scope and develop the brief. This will be a fully engaged process where key stakeholders will be invited to participate in interviews, focus groups and steering groups.
- The team is looking to host a focus group with staff from existing primaries in the cluster as well as with some learners to get their views and experiences of learning and teaching environments. The date and time for both groups is:
 - Learners – 13th Nov – 1-3pm
 - Staff – 13th Nov – 3.30 – 5.30pm
- Due to our current levels of staffing we were unable to accompany a group of learners to support the consultation.

Christmas Activities

- The choir will not be performing at the turning on of the lights at Erskine Home this year. The scheduled date on Thursday 30th November falls on the St Andrew's Day holiday. We hope to return to performing next year. Our P.7 children will visit the home on Wednesday 20th December to sing Christmas songs and take gifts to the residents that they will have made in class beforehand.
- Class Christmas performances will take place on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th December.
- The whole school trip to the Beacon Theatre to watch 'Aladdin' will take place on Friday 15th December.
- Class Christmas parties will take place on Monday 18th December and Tuesday 19th December.
- The school session ends on Friday 22nd December at 2.30 p.m.
- School starts in the new year on Monday 8th January 2024.

Director of Children's Services

- Following a recruitment process, Janie O'Neill, current Head of Education at North Lanarkshire Council, has been appointed as Renfrewshire Council's new Director of Children's Services.

3. FUNDRAISING

- Current Parent Partnership bank balance is £5,348.73
- Gillian to go with Sharon to get Christmas Fayre float.
- Access will be given to helpers on the Thursday evening to setup for the Christmas Fayre if required.
- Gillian arranging Prime hamper.
- Claire will contact Stallholders for confirmation of stall cost and raffle prize.
- Rhia to arrange Christmas Fayre banners.
- Additional fundraising ideas to be discussed and decided upon in January 2024.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Possibility of hybrid meetings was discussed however this proves to be a problematic option with regards to;
 - cost of purchasing a laptop
 - sending out an appropriate link via the school
 - responsibility on someone to maintain connection during meeting and any possible troubleshooting
 - time limitations within Teams app

Gillian will contact Connect to enquire if this type of meeting can take place.

- Parent Partnership name has been changed on the school website in addition to adding our constitution.
- Gillian will share the minutes of the meetings with regards Park Mains High School.
- New members will be added to the Facebook page.

5. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

- Wednesday, 17th January 2024, 6.30pm.

