

Bargarran Primary School – Parent Partnership

Minutes of Formal and Fundraising Meeting

Wednesday 12th March 6.30PM

Present: Mr Lyle (Head Teacher), Louise Wylie (Chair), Sharon Stalker (Treasurer), Linda Morris (Minutes), Natasha Sherwood, Frances Quinn, Renelle Sannachan. Leahan Edmonds, Michelle Sloan

1. Finances

Update on current finances

- Information given by Treasurer SS regarding current balance and spending thus far.
- ASDA Rewards balance still to be added to the balance

Selection of Trustees

- (Minimum of 3 required) who confirm that finances are correct: Louise Wylie, Natasha Sherwood, Frances Quinn and Michelle Coia.
- Further info will be given regarding role, meetings as required.

28th March – record archive

- The Parent Partnership must keep financial records for 6 years and there are some papers to be shredded. If any volunteers are available to help with this task on 28th March please let SS know.

2. Fundraising August 2024 to June 2025

Spring disco

- Letters have been issued to parents/carers and as of 11/3 some return slips have been received.
- Monday and Tuesday – if anyone available to help sort return slips and tickets please meet after school.
- There are currently 140 green bands available – SS will order another packet to ensure enough available.
- Reminder of coding system: Dots show allergies for tuck shop and a blue band informs that a child is neurodivergent
- Hall booked from 5pm, 1st disco 6-7pm & 2nd disco 7.30-8.30pm
- No school staff will be available to help at either disco – ensure we have enough parent/ carers. A rota will be issued prior to event.
- Circular system for pick up/drop off as used previously with more time for sign in and space for kids to go who are dropped off (canteen)

- Other activities outside the hall – colouring and games gained positive feedback from kids and parents/carers.

3. AOB

- Discussion of possible independent Parent Partnership Fundraising event to add to the two discos and fayre.
- This could be an outside of school event such as family BBQ, social evening.
- Mr Lyle approved this type of event but any other form such as own clothes/ guess birthday etc can put financial pressure on families and is therefore not fully inclusive when taking place during the school day.

FORMAL

1. Welcome and Apologies

- Apologies received from: Michelle Coia, Jenny Bell, Laura Mumford and Donna Crawford.

2. Minutes of last meeting – approved

- Some members have not received minutes from last meeting – ensure email contacts are added to list.

3. Head Teachers Report – as below

Role

School role is currently 222.

HMle Report

Our report from November's inspection visit was published on Tuesday 11th February. The inspection letter and summary of inspection findings was shared over Class Dojo and a copy of the letter given to each family.

We are delighted with the gradings and the report. I would like to pay credit to all our staff and children for all their hard work over many years that resulted in such a positive report.

The next steps from the report will inform our improvement planning over future sessions.

Staffing

Ms Kennedy was appointed permanent 0.4 DHT through interview on 26 February. Mrs McGhee started her maternity leave on Thursday 27th February. We have tried to ensure

continuity and standard of provision for our Primary 5 class and Mrs Honeyman will take the class for the time that Mrs McGhee had responsibility. This is approximately 1.5 days. Miss Leitch will continue to teach the class for the remainder of the week. Mrs Harris returns from maternity leave on Wednesday 23rd April and will provide pupil support across the school as well as taking Primary 5 for the period Miss Leitch is not in class.

Miss Macfarlane will leave our office staff for a senior position in another school office at the end of March. Miss Macfarlane's replacement will be Mrs Kinney.

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. Parent Partnership - Scots Verse Shield Competition

The winner was Charley McMaster from Primary 7 with her recitation of 'The Ballad of Janitor Mackay.'

2. Community Café

Primary 6 organised and hosted a very successful Scots themed Community Café on Thursday 13th February.

One of our parents, Mr Morris, kindly came and played the bagpipes for the whole school and this was thoroughly enjoyed by all children and staff.

Class Structure

We are anticipating an increase in pupil numbers next session due to more children starting than transitioning to Park Mains. This increase should result in a change in number of classes from 8 to 9. All Primary 5 to 7 classes will large and have 30 or more children.

I would hope to be able to provide more information on the class structure for next session in April's newsletter.

'Taps Off Afternoon'

The Sustainability Parliament organised a learning afternoon for all children on Friday 28th February. The theme was water: saving and how many people do not have access to clean running water. A donation of £60.00 was made to Water Aid from a fundraising initiative carried out before Christmas.

World Book Day

Our Reading Parliament organised a range of activities across the school on World Book Day (Thursday 6th March). Children took part in a range of activities including: bookmark making, book swap, paired reading, orienteering and were visited by adult readers.

Football

The second Active Schools festival took place on Tuesday 11th February where a team of P.7 children represented the school in matches played against cluster schools. The weather was not favourable and the number of matches was reduced. The team won 5 out of 5 matches meaning they have won all 11 matches this season.

Extra-Curricular Activities

The following activities are currently being offered:

Active Schools

Monday – Rugby for P.4 to P.5

Tuesday – Football and Health from St Mirren Community Development

Wednesday – Basketball P.5 to P.7

Thursday – Stay and Play P.1 to P.3

Friday – Rugby P.6 and P.7

Friday after school – Clubs at Park Mains

Mr Elliott takes a guitar club for Primary 7 pupils on a Friday.

4. HMIE Report

The next steps from the report are listed below and will inform our improvement planning over future sessions.

1. Children to be involved in greater leadership roles, for example involvement in co-creating school policies.
2. All learners have opportunity to set targets across the curriculum.
3. Review assessment procedures for listening and talking (develop activities or programmes of work).
4. Creation of a relationships policy to capture all recent work on growth mindset, restorative and nurturing approaches and emotions.
5. Learn about protected characteristics.
6. Extend reading books to cover wide understanding of diversity and difference.

7. Provide further opportunities for non-fiction writing.
8. Track and monitor progress across the curriculum.
9. Develop a Cost of the School Day policy.

5. PEF Consultation

Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) is to be used to support raising attainment of our target group of children in receipt of free schools meals and clothing grant and to close the attainment gap between children in receipt and not in receipt of free school meals and clothing grant.

June 2024 Figures

	Numearcy	Reading	Writing	List & talk
School	88	86	86	96
Target	81	81	81	91
Gap	7	5	5	5

Allocation is £31,320. 5% of this has been taken to fund central resources such as the authority Literacy co-ordinator, Numeracy co-ordinator and Health and wellbeing co-ordinator leaving £29.754 available for the school to spend.

Plans for session are to use funding for additional teaching and support staff. We feel we are well resourced apart from the most important resource – human resources. Physical resources are not effective if there are not the adults to support children in using them.

6. Budget for prom

- Last year spending was £600 on prom and this year looking to be approx. the same amount. If current income and expenditure remains same or increases then we cannot sustain this budget moving forward.
- We have to think of a cap for this year of around £650.
- When the prom is made a big event then there remains further financial pressure on the parents, would a change to the event take away some of this pressure?
- Discussion with pupils has shown they would like prom to remain as is mostly, but could we look at fundraising possibilities etc?

- As it stands spending is £200 for lights and decorations, £200 for photo booth, food £178.

7. Arrangements for prom

- 17th June at 7pm, piper on arrival.
- Further arrangements can be made informally – please check group chat for this/ opportunities to help.

8. Contact with other parent councils.

- Some ideas to move forward such as chair-to-chair links, linking more with other schools' parent councils for advice, sharing resources, joined up events such S1 link days. How can we do this? Who do we link with? St John Bosco as a start?

9. New parent council events – none available at the moment but opportunities are shared on the social pages of Connect or we can try to share any that we see in group chat.

10. Park Mains High School PC Liaison Meeting Update.

- Morrisons construction have been selected for the extension and all planning stages are available on the Renfrewshire Council website. It seems that all is on target.
- There has also been some audiology investigation of how the new build will impact those with sensory / hearing issues due to size of building and number of pupils etc.

11. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 21st May at 6.30pm

12. A.O.B – None.

