

BARGARRAN PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL

FORMAL MEETING

TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER, 2020 – 7PM

Item

Action

- 1. IN ATTENDANCE** – Alastair Lyle (Head Teacher), Gillian Mills (Chair), Laura Pearson (Minutes), Claire Harwood, Johanne Hammond, Sharon Stalker, Barbara Jackson

APOLOGIES - Michelle O'Neill, Louise Provan, Suzanne Clarke

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING/MATTERS ARISING

- There were no matters arising.

3. HEAD TEACHERS REPORT

- School role is currently 226
- Mrs Druce returned from maternity leave at the end of October. Mrs Druce's role will be NCCT cover for Primary 1 and 2 classes.
- The following events took place since the last Formal meeting on Thursday 17th September:
 - Halloween Afternoon – Thursday 30th October
 - All classes carried out work about Remembrance and they marked the silence at 11 am on Wednesday 11th November with pupils from St John Bosco.
- The school's Education Manager, Ian Thomson, visited the school on Wednesday 11th November and met with Head Teacher, Mr Lyle. The focus of the meeting was raising attainment and achievement.
- To strengthen the school self-evaluation processes regular surveys will be undertaken with parents and pupils in line with our self-evaluation programme.

All Renfrewshire Schools must undertake a rolling annual programme covering the four core Quality Indicators.

- 1.3 Leadership of Change
- 2.3 Learning, Teaching and Assessment
- 3.1 Ensuring Wellbeing, Equity and Inclusion
- 3.2 Raising Attainment and Achievement

Each time staff self-evaluate a survey will be undertaken with parents and carers.

The first survey was sent out through the school app last week and the initial response has been very positive.

- There will be non-uniform days with St John Bosco on Friday 27th November and Friday 11th December.
 - On Friday 27th November the children will be asked for a donation for a local foodbank.
 - On Friday 11th December it will be Christmas Jumper Day with no donation required.
- The school tree will be put up on Friday 20th November
- All classes will perform a Christmas related item to be placed on their Class Dojo. Children will get the opportunity to view all classes items in the run up to Christmas.
- Two of the class items will be shared with Erskine Home to be used as part of their virtual Tree of Hope ceremony.
- Bargarran and St John Bosco will share their Christmas performances and children will have the opportunity to view the other school performance.
- Each class will have a Christmas party in their classroom in the lead up to Christmas.
- A pantomime day will be held on Monday 14th December where children will have the opportunity to watch a pantomime with their class.
- The school session ends on Friday 18th December at 2.20 p.m. for P.1, 2, 6 and 7 and 2.30 p.m. for P.3, 4 and 5
- School starts in the new year on Wednesday 6th January at 8.50 a.m. for P1, 2, 6 and 7 and 9.00 a.m. for P3, 4 and 5
- Attainment across the whole school fell last session. The school closed on 20 March due to Covid and the fall in attainment could be related to the closure. Details on whole school attainment are as follows;
 - Numeracy fell from 84% in June 2019 to 81% in June 2020
 - Reading fell from 83% in June 2019 to 73% in June 2020
 - Writing fell from 81% in June 2019 to 74% in June 2020
 - Listening and Talking fell from 90% in June 2019 to 89% in June 2020
 - During lockdown 68% of children always or regularly engaged in remote learning and 32% seldom or never engaged in remote learning.
- Tracking meetings have been held between Mr Lyle and Class Teachers to identify where attainment has fallen and plans put in place to support this.

4. SCHOOL COVID PROCEDURES

- From after October break all lunches can be eaten in lunch hall with lunch hall maps in place for all Primary 3 to Primary 7 pupils.
- Wearing of face masks on school property by all adults – very strong support from parent body.
- Wearing of face masks by adults in all communal areas.
- Guidance produced on 2 November that allows indoor P.E with a number of mitigations should the area be in level 3.
- A risk assessment will be required before indoor P.E takes place and this will need to take into account all the needs of all individual pupils.
- The Scottish government moved Renfrewshire into level 4 on Tuesday 17th November so indoor P.E is again not allowed.
- One of the campus P.E spaces is being used as a staffroom. It may be necessary for children only to receive one session of indoor P.E. a week to allow staff to have a space in the building to have their breaks.
- After school clubs allowed for tier 3 and below.

5. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – SEPT TO NOV

Priority 1 - Develop high quality learning and teaching that leads to improved levels of attainment and achievement across all stages.

- **Literacy and Numeracy** - Use of strategies for both on going.
- **Evidence App** - Work being posted by staff on App for parents to view.
- **Curriculum Refresh** - Curriculum Development involving staff reading and discussing curriculum design guidance.
- **Learner Conversations** - Brief conversations with small groups of learners as part of monitoring process. Reading target discussions with pupils after assessments completed and marked.

Priority 2 – Reduce inequalities and deliver improved health and wellbeing outcome for all pupils

- **RNRA** - Working party led by Mrs Mackenzie has met and discussed how to regularly involve the children in screening their own wellbeing.
- **Technologies Resources** – The school have still to receive order of 30 lap tops. All ordering and distribution through local authority. Lap tops will be used to support remote learning outwith school as a first priority and then within school to support IT.
- **Technologies Working Party** - Working party met and the school is going to work towards a Digital Leaders Award. Audit of practice undertaken by Mr Davies and Miss Sinclair and work will begin on our Digital Learning policy.
- **Quarriers Conselling** - Session of 8 weeks for identified pupils ended on Thursday 12 November.

Priority 3 – Provide opportunities, through a variety of learning experiences, for the pupils to learn skills that will support them in later life.

- **Growth Mindset** - Introduction of whole school Growth Mindset Awards for Resilience, Effort and Attitude at our virtual assembly on Friday 27th November.
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 - In-Service Day on Monday 19th October was carried out remotely.
 - For the foreseeable future Staff Meetings and Curriculum Development will be carried out remotely.

6. AOB

- P7 and P6 to hopefully undertake cycling proficiency/cycling skills in the summer which would be completed under the guidance of Mrs Thompson.
- Mr Lyle will clarify with each teacher the preferential day of the week for which homework will be issued on via Microsoft Teams.

7. FUNDRAISING UPDATE

- Parent Council agreed to send out 50/50 envelopes to contribute to Parent Council funds and will follow Covid guidelines on return of envelopes before handling.
- Letter accompanying 50/50 envelopes will highlight to parents what the Parent Council funds contribute towards within the school community.
- Due to Covid there are no plans for the children to make Christmas gifts to sell this year.

8. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday 19th January 2021, 7pm

