

**BARGARRAN PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL**

**FORMAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2021 – 7PM**

**Item**

**Action**

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

**APOLOGIES** - Suzanne Clarke

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

- There were no matters arising.

**3. HEAD TEACHERS REPORT**

- School role is currently 226
- The Christmas period was quieter than usual last session due to the pandemic.

The following events took place.

- The individual class performances provided over Class Dojo were well received.
- Class performances from Primary 3 and 6 were shared with Erskine Home as part of their virtual light switch on ceremony.
- Class parties were held for all stages.
- A virtual pantomime, 'Jack and the Beanstalk', was provided for all classes.
- Hopefully Christmas 2021 will allow our Christmas Nativity and school show, school fayre, school discos and pantomime visit to return to our programme.
- Thank you to the Parent Council for providing the food for the class parties and a selection box for each child.
- Miss Alexander gave birth to a son, Oscar, in early January. Mum and baby are both doing well.
- Miss MacLachlan will carry out the maternity cover until June 2021 and is no longer excess staffing to support impact of Covid. Mr Grant is now our only staff member allocated to the school to support the impact of Covid.
- This P1 registration took place on-line for the first time in November 2021. We will have an indication of the number of children starting Bargarran after the Easter break.
- A letter was issued towards the end of January on the school with the arrangements for the Primary 7 end of session events. All dates are temporary and subject to any restrictions in place.

- Park Mains induction days on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June.
  - School dance on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June.
  - School leavers service on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June.
- Unfortunately, we will not be able to organise a residential trip for our P.7 pupils this session. We were in touch with the National Sports Centre in Largs during the first term but the recent shut down means we have to admit defeat.
  - Our Pupil Council worked very hard to organise whole school events to relaunch our House System and to promote healthy eating through 'Fit Friday' before the Christmas break. Due to the school being closed to most pupils the relaunch has been put back but 'Fit Friday' will still be promoted as a home activity.
  - We have recently developed the playground area around the outdoor classroom into a specified outdoor activity/learning area. In addition to the outdoor resource store, the outdoor classroom, the trim trail and the raised areas there have been two four square grids and two hopscotch boards painted on the playground recently. This will make this part of the playground an area that will be timetabled for outdoor activity/learning.
  - A multiplication square has also been painted on the playground facing the upper balcony. This is to support the teaching and consolidation of tables. We are currently pricing other playground markings to support learning.
  - The cost of the recent work was just under £2,000.
  - Picnic benches on the terrace area have been rearranged to allow this area to be used for outdoor learning as well as a lunch area.
  - We are looking into plans to paint the picnic benches on the terrace area outside the lunch hall we may need volunteers to help with this.
  - On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December the announcement was made that schools would not re-open for most pupils until Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January at the earliest. After the previous period when schools were closed all schools were charged with producing a Business Continuity Plan should there be a similar closure. The plan was informed by parents' responses to an authority survey carried out in June 2020. The plan was funded through PEF and the main points were as follows;
    - Provide a red folder of resources including jotters and textbooks/worksheets for all pupils.
    - Provide paper backs of learning materials for all pupils. These will be refreshed, and new packs provided on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February.
    - Provide passwords for all digital subscriptions.
    - Class Microsoft Teams main means of engagement between teacher and children.
    - Loan laptops (currently 21 loaned out) to families to support remote learning.
  - Building on the last time schools were closed we have introduced weekly class check ins organised by the class teacher.
  - The work provided is more structured with a Literacy, Numeracy, wider curricular task each day as well as optional activities.

- The delivery is a matter for the class teacher. Staff who are comfortable can film teaching should they wish but there is no contractual requirement for them to do so.
- 'Live' lessons can include links to web sites with teaching content or lesson notes and engagement with children through the class chat after this. It does not necessary mean live teaching.
- These were initially consolidation activities, but we will move on to new learning.
- We are currently carrying out a survey of parents and carers into our current approaches.
- We are aware that this is a challenging time for all our families with parents and carers working from home being under work related pressure at the same time as having their children for an unspecified period of time.
- Parents, carers and extended family are doing a wonderful job and should feel under no added pressure from the school at this point. We will do our best to take learning forward and we know we are well supported but all involved can only, and are doing, their best.
- Our hub has 49 children registered to attend as of today. The hub is split into P.1 – P.4 and P.5 to P.7. We have between 25 – 30 children attending most days.
- The Pupil Reports and Parents Meetings that usually take place at the end of the Spring term will be moved back to the Summer Term. There will be the opportunity for parents to discuss their child's report and progress with the class teacher. The arrangements for both will be considered when we have more certainty about children returning.
- The allocation for financial year 2021-22 is just over £30,000. The money is to close the poverty attainment gap and raise attainment for all. A full consultation will take place later in the term. Initial thoughts are to increase our teaching allocation by 2 days a week and classroom allocation by 3 days a week. The school is well resourced and extra staff will be needed to work with children when they return to school.
- The school's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday takes place during session 2020-21. According to school records the opening day was 10 November 1971. We plan to mark the event in some way and will ask staff, children and parents for suggestions.

#### **4. AOB**

- After attending the Renfrewshire Council Parent Council chair meeting Gillian informed us that she would be forwarding us on a link regarding a survey for parent council members to complete about their views on remote learning.

- Gillian will be collating the responses of the Parent Council members and sending the information to the Director of Children Services.
- The parent council put forward their vote for the proposed dates of school holidays arrangements for 2022/2023, Ultimately the PC voted on option A.
- Part time fazed return discussed (however not clarified at this stage the classes that would be returning and on what date).
- Additional “paper packs” to be provided for students not returning to school in the first fazed return (date to be confirmed).

**5. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 7pm







