



Barsail Parent Council AGM – September 2024

Minutes

Welcome

Ovi welcomed everyone and led the group in a short icebreaker.

Apologies

No Apologies

New Members

All parents/carers in attendance wish to join as members of Barsail Parent Council. Attendance and sign-up sheet filled out. Ovi explained how members and office bearers are appointed.

Chairperson's Report

Ovi shared a report on the last year's events.

Treasurer's Report

Judith provided accounts for the previous year. Ovi explained the totals, and informed the group that the breakdown would be submitted as part of our annual report to OSCR. Ovi also highlighted the bonus ball and the profits raised from this. Ovi pointed out the main events from the last year and the spending/income for each.

It was mentioned that in the past, discos have been run for fun, rather than fundraising, however they did still bring in a small profit.



The Secret Room was explained to new parents. Ovi encouraged everyone to talk to others about Parent Council and what we are doing, and to encourage new people to come along and get involved.

Ovi invited questions on the accounts, there were none.

Acceptance of the year's accounts proposed by Judith McMillan, seconded by Jill Clark.

Headteacher's Report

Emma Mavers said they it had been a great start to the new session, and that the new P1s were settling well. We have a fantastic team of staff this year who are very upbeat and working really hard.

Emma mentioned that it was lovely to see some new faces on Parent Council. She said that the previous PC had worked very hard, and it was great to see more coming on board to support the work.

Emma said she is grateful for the Parent Council's support, not just financially but also in practical ways and in supporting events like the new P1 induction events.

Emma mentioned that more than the financial support, it was important to the school that we were working well together.

Emma explained some of the staffing arrangements for this year. She informed the group that there is a soft-start in place for certain groups of pupils to support attendance and tackle late-coming.

Next week is Math Week Scotland, various activities have been planned for this.

Meet the teacher went well, and the presentation on Non-Violent Resistance by the Educational Psychologist was available during this to provide information on relational support for behaviour at home, which has been very beneficial for both staff and also for parents.



There is a P1 induction event on October 24th, the school would like PC support if possible. PC happy to help.

Emma also gave a handout of the options for holidays for next year which are to be consulted on.

A wishlist of potential donation items were provided by Mairi Cochrane. The items requested are as follows:

- Playground Equipment – shuffleballs/zoomballs, soft frisbees, cushballs (Small soft balls), skittles, giant connect 4, giant jenga, ball& scoops
Requested no more skipping equipment – the children like these but the material kind don't last and can be a bit dangerous if the plastic ones.
- Coding lego
- £500 for the infant school for resources – playdoh, sand etc
- Outdoor speaker & microphone
- Big Playground Canopy – big ticket item
- Reading books
- Chromebook Repairs & 2 iPads
- Xylophone & metaphone
- P7 hoodies
- Bus costs for trips – a suggestion was made to poll the parents to find out if they would prefer to contribute to this and use PC money elsewhere (school survey last session suggested this)
- Christmas books for P1-3
- £500 Prom & Set up help

Ovi thanked the teachers for their input. We agreed we would like to provide for all the requests, but would need to prioritise and look at what we can do to raise enough to cover as much as we can. We also discussed looking at other ways to source the requested items – requests on community pages, grants and funding options.



Events

- **Autumn Disco**

The group agreed to run another Autumn disco this year. Refreshments were discussed and some alternative options looked at for how we can offer this. It was suggested that we raise the price of discos and charge extra for tuck shop. It was agreed that a cashless disco was preferred, and that we would continue to include refreshments in the ticket price, but possibly raise the ticket price to include this.

Karen queried how we capture medical information and emergency contacts – the google form system we have used previously was explained – this captures all the necessary information which is kept to hand in case of emergencies.

Alison suggested setting up a sub-committee to start planning the disco before the next PC meeting – the group agreed. Jill took names at the end of the meeting to set up a Disco WhatsApp chat.

- **Little Christmas Shop & Christmas Fayre**

To be discussed at the next meeting – WhatsApp chats to be set up for sub-committees for each of these to start the planning process.

Appointment of Office Bearers

The following office bearers were appointed for this session, each proposed by one member and all unanimously approved:

Vice Secretary – Jill Clark

Secretary – Alison Barlea

Vice Treasurer – Karen Gray

Treasurer – Judith McMillan

Vice Chairperson – Andy Ellis

Chairperson – Ovidiu Barlea

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The following members of teaching staff and others were Co-Opted for this session:

Ceiridh McAtasney

Billy McAtasney

Head Teacher and Supporting Staff Members:

Emma Mavers

Mairi Cochrane

Alison Baird

AOB

Ovi mentioned that in the constitution there is a maximum $\frac{1}{4}$ of the total membership allowed to be Co-opted onto the Parent Council. The constitution was discussed – this needs to be updated. Ovi will check with OSCR what the current registered version of our Constitution is. We discussed previous versions and proposed amendments from 2021, which had not been formally approved. Alison suggested that the Office Bearers and any other interested members look at creating an updated Constitution before the October meeting, where it would be presented to the group for approval before sending out to the wider parent body in anticipation of calling an EGM for the November meeting to vote on the changes. This was agreed by the group.

There was a query from Emma Mavers about whether the previous WhatsApp group would now be closed. Alison advised that after this evening's meeting, a new WhatsApp group for this session will be created and the old one closed down to keep things current.

Date of Next Meeting

-Monday 7th October 2024, 7.15pm at Park Mains High School

(It was noted that this is the same day as the new P1 Induction event – we felt this was ok as some volunteers would already be there to set up for the Disco.

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Close

Ovi thanked everyone for coming.