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Barassie Parent council meeting minutes 15/02/24

Present: Julie Fleming (HT), Jennifer Mills (DHT), Lynda Hardman (Chair), Karen Nicol (Vice chair), Kathryn Limond, Nicola Gerrish, Susan Evans, Katherine Self

Apologies: Wilma Benson, James McEwan, Rachel McConville, Lindsay Wood

| | Agenda | Minutes | Actions |
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| 1. | Head Teachers report | <p>In Summary:</p> <p>School roll update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current school role 197. • 40 current P7 pupils are due to leave in June 2024. • August projection P1 of 18 (including 2 placing requests) • August projected role of 175 • EY registration approximately 43/44. • School capacity 342. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School improvement plan: • Priority 1) Raising attainment for all learners in literacy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teachers & pupils have been engaging in encoding, decoding terminology, this has had a positive impact given that this approach is consistent and explicit. Use of consistent language being used by majority of pupils is testament to teachers working hard to embed this. ○ School will continue to roll out and embed from August onwards. ○ Targeted intervention has been taking place on improving reading fluency. ○ Learning event will take place on 28/2 in conjunction with "South Ayrshire reads", focusing on phonics. ○ School have noticed a culture of pupils wanting to read and reading for enjoyment. The appointment of librarian Debbie has been instrumental to this, and her love of books and reading is filtering into the whole school ethos and created a culture of reading for enjoyment throughout the school. ○ Many thanks to Debbie for her recommendations, after school clubs and activities and for engaging Barassie pupils in reading activities. | <p>Full copy of school improvement plan can be viewed at: SIP-2023-2024-Final.pdf glowscotland.org.uk</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Book week Scotland took place in November and was well received by children and families. • Priority 2) Raising attainment for all learners in Numeracy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consistent approaches will be revisited with a refresher offered for staff with relation to "Number talks" ○ Strategies have focused on context of numeracy ○ Times Table Rock Star is being used to engage children and extend learning. ○ A working party will be working on STEM activities in March. ○ Use of concrete, pictorial & abstract materials are still being used successfully throughout the school. • Priority 3) Supporting welfare of pupils and families. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mrs Landon continues to focus on cost of school day. ○ A "walking bus" idea has been floated to improve morning late coming. ○ Family hub is available daily from 1.45 p.m. - 3 p.m. ○ Family hub / freezer / uniform swap is being well utilised. ○ Breakfast club is busy - Mrs Samson is supporting with this. ○ Information advice hub is available via SAC. Kim is the advisor for Barassie and digital referral is accessed through the link on the newsletter. ○ PEF funding will continue but this is a stretch. ○ Current whole school attendance 93/94% | Plea for parental engagement with Mrs L cost of the school day project. |
| After school | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools out / care inspectorate have visited and made recommendations to progress with after school care. • Mrs Samson and class teachers continue to offer after school clubs / support. • Library has been made available to parents after school on Thursdays 3 p.m.-4 p.m., so far has been well received, and well attended. | |
| EYC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EYC has had an unannounced visit from the care inspectorate. • Visit was a positive experience for all involved • Formal written feedback will be shared when available. | |
| Fundraising | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P7 Morrison's bag pack was successful and could be repeated. This contributed £10 per pupil to leaver's hoodies. | Parent council asked to help with supervision of disco. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discos continue to be an excellent source of fundraising next disco scheduled for 18/3/24. • Rainbow hampers will be repeated as PC felt this was a very accessible / non-discriminatory source of fundraising. • Excess items from the rainbow hampers we re-used to facilitate breakfast club / play pieces and a "sweets and treats" tombola. • Troon Round Table have agreed to facilitate Barbecue at Summer fayre. • Many thanks to the Troon Round Table for their charitable contribution to the school following the fireworks and Santa float. • Sponsored sloth event to be followed up. • Your school lottery currently being utilised at local schools, JF will review. • Volunteer minibus drivers to be looked at to reduce transport costs associated with school trips (over 50s qualified as part of licence). | <p>Parental letter / email to go out asking parents to engage with "easyfundraising"</p> <p>Newsletter to include dates for fundraising events / discos / hamper contributions.</p> <p>Volunteer drivers to be investigated.</p> |
| Outdoor learning & playground committee consultation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All agreed playground needs some form of upgrading. • Trim trail in need of repair, skilled parental helpers could be an option to explore. • pupils were asked for realistic ideas to improve outdoor learning and produced some innovative ideas. | Contact parents to ask for assistance. |
| Treasurer report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The accounts are currently in the black and a donation towards school trips will be made this week at a value of £10/child. | |
| Chair report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The constitution has been updated, JF will ratify and sign off. • LH attended parent council chairpersons meeting on 6/2/24 with Gayle Ferguson talking about current approaches regarding GIRFEC. Lyndsay McRoberts also presented regarding strategic equity funding and increasing budget for "South Ayrshire Reads" • Rocket funding / match funding has been relooked at and pupils have given some innovative ideas regarding playground improvements. • P7 cluster disco will take place on 12/6/24 at Marr sports centre. • P7 leaving event will be partially funded by PC - Bounce station and McDonalds (delivery) are the proposed activities. Initial costing looks to be £400 (venue) £160 (food) £250 (bus) for 40 pupils. Provisional date Tuesday 18/25 June t.b.c. • Micah Project continues to support uniform / shoes bank. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plea for assistance with P7 cluster disco. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Badging machine to be purchased for £250 (which includes 100 badges), EYC may need to revisit badge design to be included in this initiative.• School photos after much deliberation and discussion has been decided as:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alternate years as individual to class with P1 and P7 always doing both.• Mark will be asked to facilitate photos at a cost of £250/£300.• Cost to parents of £10 for digital photos which are available when prints are purchased directly.• Primary Engineer book has been purchased and is now available in the library as a reference book.• Funding for puddle suits has been agreed for EYC but as yet availability from Aldi/Lidl has not been possible to purchase these.• Ice cream van will not be available for EYC as cost implications make it unviable.• Next meeting scheduled for 30/5/24. | |
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