



Vision
At Barassie we:
GROW, DREAM,
ACHIEVE,
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Values
Ambition
Creativity
Honesty
Kindness
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Barassie Parent council meeting minutes 18/09/24

Present: Julie Flemming (HT), Jennifer Mills (DHT), Lynda Hardman (Chair), Karen Nicol (Vice chair), Nicola Gerrish (joint secretary), Susan Evans (joint secretary), James McEwan (Treasurer), Craig McKay (Councillor), Kathryn Self.

Apologies: Kathryn Limond, Lorna McEwan, Wilma Benson, Councillor Bell, Councillor Pollock.

	Agenda	Minutes	Actions
1.	Approval of previous minutes	The minutes of the previous meeting were ratified.	
2.	Chair persons report	See Chairperson report attached as appendix.	Parental helper required to help with badging.
3.	Head Teachers report	<p>In Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School roll currently 172, 3 less than projection. • Staffing 11 FTE, permanent and additional 0.2 temporary until end of term 2. • Playground equipment has been updated with a £700 contribution from parent council. • ACEL data discussed - full report available as part of standards & qualities report. • Attendance continues to be part of South Ayrshire priority; attendance figures available showing comparators across SA. • Year 2 of "South Ayrshire reads" continues to be a priority. • Masterclasses for P5-7 has started and proving to be successful. The 	<p>Full standards and qualities report available on school website.</p> <p>https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk</p>

		<p>children in these classes lead the learning for junior school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly committee time has started encouraging pupil voice. • Numeracy and Mathematics continues to be a priority, working closely with Marr to encourage conceptual problem solving. 	
4.	Treasurer report	<p>In Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Account verified by Mark Winter. • All accounts in good order and accurate. • Pantomime and school playground equipment have been funded by PC. 	
5.	Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asda incentive has been a success and PC are keen for parents to sign up. • Easy fundraising also encouraged. • School lottery to be investigated as an option for fundraising. • School movie night to be discussed as a possible Christmas fundraiser. • Round table fireworks Saturday 2/11, parents encouraged to support with bucket collection. • Santa float dates to be discussed parental involvement encouraged. • Summer Fayre dates to be confirmed. • Leavers hoodies will be organised by PC and ordered through local company. (fundraising will continue to be organised by P7). • PC cluster meeting in October. • Stronger starts incentive with Tesco to be investigated. 	<p>Parental involvement encouraged for various events.</p> <p>Amy offered to help with movie night.</p>
6.	A.O.C.B.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underpass discussed as possible school project assisted by local graffiti artist. • Barassie bank lane discussed as a concern regarding road safety and inadequate crossing / signage. 	<p>Invite ARA to next meeting - health & safety walkaround.</p>
	Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 25th October at 2p.m. 	

<p>Dates for the diary.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween disco 1st November. • Valentine disco 14th February. • Christmas fayre 1st December. • Summer fayre 31st May. • School photos 3rd & 4th March. 	<p>All dates updated on school calendar on school website.</p>
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Appendix 1: Chair report

Uniform Swap Shop -New To You

At the start of the year, we relocated our uniform swap shop to the Lifelong Learning Suite. This move has been highly successful, providing a convenient and accessible space for parents to exchange uniforms. After successful participation in the pilot badging scheme run by the Micah Project, we decided to purchase the badging equipment at a subsidised cost. We can now add BPS badges, with nursery in the pipeline, to any items, allowing the PC to help keep school uniforms accessible to all. In line with the Scottish Government's guidelines, our Parent Council has been proactive in helping reduce the cost of the school day. The uniform initiative has been instrumental in reducing the financial burden on families and promoting sustainability within our community.

Bag Packing for P7 Leavers Hoodies

Our P7 students participated in a bag-packing event to help subsidise the cost of their leavers' hoodies. This activity not only helped reduce costs but also fostered a sense of teamwork and community spirit among our students. The funds raised ensured that every P7 student could proudly wear their hoodie as a memento of their time at Barassie Primary.

Discos

Our school discos have always been a highlight in the school calendar. This year, we asked for donations to turn into raffle prizes, which significantly boosted our fundraising efforts. The generosity of our community has been overwhelming, and the funds raised have been channeled back into the school to support various projects and activities.

Support from Troon Roundtable

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Troon Roundtable for their continued support. Throughout the year, some dedicated parents and staff have actively participated in their community events, such as the fireworks night and elfin around with the Santa float. In turn, the Roundtable has generously donated funds to the Parent Council. Their support extends further as they graciously run the BBQ at our summer fair, contributing to the success of the event. Additionally, they donated £2 per child towards the cost of the pantomime last year, ensuring that every child could enjoy the performance.

Christmas Cards and School Photos

Our Christmas card project and school photos were once again a great success. These initiatives not only provided families with cherished mementos but also contributed greatly to the school funds. Both projects were facilitated by local businesses, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to Mark Ferrier (photographer) and Alan Baird (The Copy Stop) for their continued support.

School Trips

We are passionate about ensuring every child has the opportunity to experience a school trip. This year, our fundraising efforts focused on contributing £10 per child towards their outing. The high cost of transportation often makes such trips financially challenging for many families in our school community. However, by contributing £2,000, we not only helped reduce the overall cost of the school day but also made it possible for all children to enjoy and benefit from these valuable experiences.

Acknowledgments

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Kathryn Limond for her service as our secretary last year.

I am pleased to welcome Nicola Gerrish and Susan Evans, who will be sharing the role of secretary. We look forward to their contributions and are excited to have them on board.

My thanks also go to Karen Nicol (Vice Chair) and Jame McEwan (Treasurer) for your ongoing support running the Parent Council.

Special thanks to Julie Fleming and her management team along with the school office staff for all their work and support behind the scenes.

In conclusion, I extend my deepest thanks to all the parents, guardians, teachers, and community members who have supported our initiatives throughout the year. Your involvement and generosity have made a tangible difference in the lives of our pupils. Together, we have created a nurturing and supportive environment that allows our children to thrive.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to another successful year ahead.

Warm regards,

Lynda Hardman
Chairperson
Barassie Primary School Parent Council