

Barassie Primary School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, 19th May

Location: Barassie Primary School

Chair: Lynda Hardman

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chairperson Lynda Hardman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited introductions from all present.

Present:

- Lynda Hardman (Chair)
- Wilma Benson (Parent)
- Julie Fleming (Headteacher)
- Mr Wali (Parent)

Apologies:

- Karen
- James
- Nicola
- Susan

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and ratified.

3. Chairperson's Report

Lynda provided a summary of recent events in the school calendar and shared updates from the recent Cluster Parent Council meeting.

- Reflected on feedback from the **Health and Wellbeing Survey**.
- Discussed the benefits of **adaptive learning** in meeting individual pupil needs.
- **South Ayrshire Council** confirmed there will be **no cuts to teaching posts** this year.

- Updates were shared regarding **changes to the PVG scheme**; Parent Councils and school staff are working together to implement these changes.
- There is a **vacancy for a parent representative** on the South Ayrshire Council Cabinet. Interested parents can contact **Scott Mulholland** at scott.mulholland@south-ayrshire.gov.uk.

4. Finance and Fundraising

- The Parent Council's financial position remains **in good standing**.
- **"The Fabulous Fraser"** event was a successful new addition to the fundraising calendar.
- Work continues to secure a **bank account with no charges**.
- **School photographs** raised a **profit of £1,314.14**.
- All funds raised are supporting the **Playground Upgrade Project**, which also includes funding from the **Troon Locality Planning Partnership, Howdens, and ASDA**.
- This school year, **£1,750.00** was spent on school trips, providing **£10 per pupil** from P1 to P7.

5. Upcoming Events

- **Summer Fair** – Saturday, 7th June, supported by sponsors **Troon Cabs** and **Hill House Group**.
- **P7 Leavers Disco** – Thursday, 12th June. **Two volunteers** are needed.
- **Pre-sales of the 2026 School Calendar** will be available at the Summer Fair.

6. Headteacher's Report – Julie Fleming

- **Projected pupil roll for 2025–26:** 182 pupils.
- **Proposed class structure:**
 - Primary 1/2A
 - Primary 1/2B
 - Primary 3

- Primary 4
- Primary 5
- Primary 6
- Primary 7A
- Primary 7B
- The **school assistant allocation** has been **reduced** by the equivalent of over one full-time position.
- **Nursery enrolment** remains open with spaces still available.
- The school has achieved **Gold Reading School Accreditation** from the **Scottish Book Trust**.
- **Pupil Equity Funding (PEF)** will continue to be used to focus targeted support in **literacy, numeracy and wellbeing**.
- Positive developments include:
 - Increased punctuality and attendance due to the **Breakfast Club soft start**.
 - Rising **participation in after-school programmes**.
- A **small portion of PEF funding** will be held in reserve to cover any increases in **support staff costs**.

Headteacher's Thanks:

Julie Fleming expressed her appreciation for the continued commitment and support from the Parent Council. She highlighted the positive impact of fundraising efforts and thanked members for their time and dedication.

7. Chairperson's Acknowledgements

Chairperson Lynda Hardman extended thanks to parents, carers, volunteers, and staff who support the Parent Council throughout the year. Your time and contributions help create a better school experience for all our children.

Lynda also acknowledged with sadness the recent passing of **Mark**, our school photographer. Mark was a familiar and friendly face at Barassie Primary, and he will be **greatly missed by staff, pupils, and families alike**.

The Parent Council would like to thank the **school management** and staff for their continued support.

8. Looking Ahead

- **Parent Council meeting dates** for the 2025–26 school year will be shared in due course.
- A focus for the next year will be responding to findings from the recent **parent survey** (67 responses), particularly:
 - Improving how and when information about children's learning is shared with parents.
 - Addressing concerns around **bullying** and how it is managed in school.

9. Close of Meeting

Chairperson Lynda Hardman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.