

Coylton Primary Parent Council

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 28th August 2024

Attendance

LM(Chairperson), kM(vice chair), LD(treasurer), LW(secretary), FD (headteacher), WC(principle teacher), AW(EYC), HA, LM, LS, AK, MM, MH, JM, PC

Apologies

JN, GR, KM, KW, EM

Previous Minutes

Proposed LD

Seconded HA

Chairpersons Annual Report

Welcome to our Parent Council AGM

Session 2023/24 has seen Parent Council continue to support the school in a variety of ways and I wish to thank all member of the council and the teaching and support staff for their continued support and dedication to the school through Parent Council.

Parent Council's role is the represent group of parents and carers of the school community, to help support school improvements, aid communication and partnership between the parent forum and the school, local authority and wider community. As a group we are a "critical Friend" to the school management to ensure the best possible learning environment for the pupils.

As chair I attend the termly meeting with SAC PC Chairs group , along with the Director Education, Lynsey McRoberts. This allows a clear communication with the Director and other school chairs to input to strategic developments and decisions.

This year we have continued to meet virtually to encourage engagement with families that find attendance in person difficult, especially in the winter months. We have also reintroduced face to face meetings when we have had external guests from community council and the provost, which has worked well.

We held a number of fundraisers, including an Easter bouncathan, and around the Christmas period a variety of initiatives including personal designed Christmas card, school wide calendars, virtual raffle and in school activities for the children. Whilst running the online lottery throughout the year continues to bring in a steady income.

A fantastic development this year has been the engagement and support we have had with Provost Iain Campbell. Following a meeting in November he has helped progress

and fund a number of community -wide and school developments including new barriers on safe routes to school, sports equipment, painted playground games and wider playground improvements. Thank you for his continued support of the village and the school. He is keen to stay involved and has offered to come along to future meetings this session.

Following a community meeting in June 2023, we have also agreed to be part a group looking to set up a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) status for the village to allow developments to be strategically co-ordinated and sourced through community funding. This is still being progressed and is to be set up soon.

Money raised last year and donated to the school (£5500) at last year's AGM, was used to purchase, new staging, outdoor equipment and support South Ayrshire Reads and STEM work, in line with SAC strategy in both these areas which continues in this years Improvement Plan for the school.

In the year ahead I hope the group can continue to raise important funds for the school to fund trips, outings and important resources for the school and support further development.

I'm standing down as Chair, as A has moved onto secondary school but look forward to passing the mantle over for the next Chair to drive the group forward. I am immensely proud of all that the group has achieved during the past 5 years and the committed officer bearers we have in role along with the council members. Thank you everyone for your support and enthusiasm over the years and I wish the group continued growth and success in the years to come to support such a great school.

Head Teachers Annual Report

F wished to personally thank L for all her hard work, help and support as chair over the last five years and for all her support previous to then.

Great having children back at school. Massive thank you to A and the rest of the EYC staff for all the hard work with transition for the new primary ones. School roll 248, EYC 56 and 6 two-year olds. Two new staff in nursery

AW new office staff.

P.E specialist in every Monday. All children will have turns over the year.

Great start so far with relationship building between staff and pupils.

Assessments currently happening.

Bikeability for p6 and swimming for p5 starting this week.

Homework will start after September weekend and Staged interventions due out over next two weeks.

Meet and greet Wednesday 11th September.

Wednesday 23rd October transition event for primary 6 and primary 7.

School improvement plan, visual displays up in school and will be sent home for parents to see.

Massive thank you to Councillor Campbell. Due to his support the playground is mostly done, new P.E items bought and just awaiting the path to be finished.

New stage bought from last year's donation from Parent Council, used at the school show and been a great investment.

Treasurers Annual Report

Very successfully year. Bouncathon and Christmas activities bringing in amazing amounts. Schools lottery bringing in a steady amount each month.

Agreed to donate £5500 to the school again this year.

2024 -2025 office bearers

Chairperson - kM

Treasurer - LD

Secretary/fundraising - LW

Social Media – HA

2024-2025 fundraising plan

Christmas cards push for orders. L mentioned local wrestling, F will check if allowed. Look into calendars to see if worthy as its a lot of work.

Meeting dates and formats

16th September - in person

4th November – in person

13th January - online

10th March - online

12th May – in person

2nd June – in person

Any Other Business

Newsletter for parent council

Lottery flier ordered when arrives do a bag drop.

Thank you letter to Councillor Campbell.

Tennis club has a new coach

Agreed change Christmas raffle to Easter.

A few parents have mentioned children coming home hungry/told to eat fast/not getting time to finish lunch. F and W have said they are aware of teething issues due to new primary ones and are monitoring it. Older children getting more time outside before eating

Next meeting date

16th September 7pm **IN PERSON**