

Doonfoot PS Parent Council October 2024 Minutes

Location:	Balgarth Pines
Date:	2nd October 2024
Time:	7.30pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairperson – Alanna Dale, Vice Chair – Gillian McKenzie, Treasurer – Nicole Money, Secretary – Laura Leitch

Headteacher - Sarah Flint

P6 Rep – Beth Campbell

P3 Rep – Claire Matthews

P1W Rep – Claire Cornelius

EYC rep – Jordyn Connell

Teaching staff - Mr Baird, Mrs Stirrat, Mrs Cowan, Mrs Tajali

APOLOGIES

Lynne Coulter, P7 Rep – Rachel Jesson, P5 Rep – Paul Pritchard, P4/P5 Rep – Vanessa O'Reilly, P2 Rep – Lynne Templeton, P1J Rep – Megan Conway, COM BASE – Fiona Wilson

- Welcome - **AD**

- Minutes from Sept 2024 - agreed.

- Actions from last meeting
 - Dates for Christmas events: confirmed as -
28th November Christmas Fayre
3rd December Wreath making

- Christmas card templates
Collected and handed in to school - provisionally 4th October. Return date advised to Office staff as 24th/25th October if possible to allow for reasonable turn-around time.
- NBCC
Enquiries to be made as to school being 'drop off point' for this year's campaign.
- Christmas Fayre
 - Dates for hand ins
 - Stall holders - general discussion around process for allocating stalls. PTA has been working from list provided by outgoing committee and have confirmed the majority of stalls. Likely to be space for 16 tables.

Possibility of cake table/christmas jumpers run by Pupils.
Involvement of P7 in Santas Grotto decoration.
 - Entertainment/catering - To be confirmed - Santa and Elves, games/craft/activities for children, glitter tattoos in conjunction with EYC.
 - App will be used to seek volunteers from parents/staff and times etc confirmed with as much notice as possible.
- Parking
 - Wardens will be returning
 - P5 junior road safety ambassadors are working hard on a project incorporating permits for the car park/surveys re views on road safety. Mr Baird has asked if PTA will visit school to engage with pupils to discuss and further this.
 - Further lines and signage are due to be installed at entrances and exit to car park
- Belleisle Rangers
 - Rangers have advised they could visit school/accompany children with a view to exploring the coast. This will be looked into in the New Year.
 - PTA visiting yurt at Belleisle to explore if this could be a possibility for future spending.
- Headteachers Items
 - Report on school improvement, standard and quality. Documents will be sent to PTA for engagement and feedback.
 - 3 School priorities - raising attainment in numeracy and literacy, high quality learning environment and focus on digital technology.
 - Doonfoot is working on becoming an accredited Communication Friendly School.
 - Project in respect of accelerated readers will require volunteers to assist with scanning and sorting books and SF will feedback when this is likely to begin.

- Ongoing work to improve outdoor spaces with citing of polytunnel, further improvement to grounds.
 - Liz Cairns leading on digital technology, upskilling staff in cyber safety. Further focus on access to resources as this is more limited within the School.
 - Teams will be rolled out on Monday 7th October.
 - Finally SF was delighted that the House Captains have been chosen and commented on the very high standard of candidates. Pupils within the school are continually keen to develop their own projects and ideas and there are many ambassador roles for these children being developed to continue to support this.
- AOB
 - AD confirming the fundraising from the P1/P2 fun night was £118
 - Bags2School raised £126
 - Food bank will continue to run termly and Lynne Coulter will co-ordinate
 - P7 Hoodies are not organised by PTA and last year a P7 teacher co-ordinated this with parents
 - PTA constitution is outdated with references to COVID and will be updated if possible this year.
 - Suggestion of pre-loved costume hand in for Halloween - discussion will be had with Lynne Coulter as to whether this would be possible.

Issues identified by year group Reps:

- P3G raised concerns re homework being included in end of year reports. SF confirmed as of last year this was no longer included.
- EYC/P1 rep querying if Halloween treat will be provided for EYC which PTA have confirmed. PTA will liaise with EYC as to any other ways we can support them.

- Close Meeting

Next meeting – 6th November 2024, Balgarth.