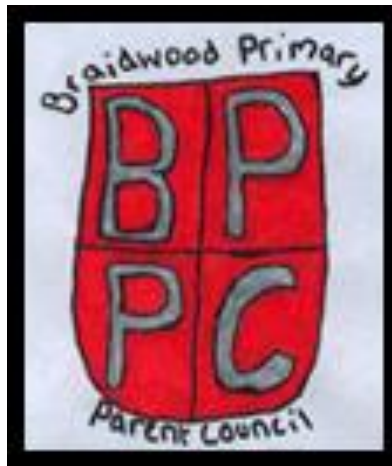


## Braidwood Parent Council Meeting



Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February

### Attendees

Name	Position
Gwen Sinclair	Head Teacher
Heather Naismith	Principal Teacher
Jen McGarry	Clerk
Susan McCafferty	PTA Member
Clare Spence	PTA Member
Michelle Dearie	PTA Member
Kate Stuart	PTA Member
Rachel Leckie	PTA Member
Jessica Shute	PTA Member
Jackie Connolly	PTA member

### Apologies

Name	Position
Alan Morrison	Chairperson
Christina Smith	Treasurer
Laura Lattimer	PTA Member
Lorna MacFarlane	PTA member
Ailie Hollywood	PTA Member
Siobhan Low	PTA Member

## **1. Head Teacher Report**

Mrs Sinclair advised that the school had seen significant illnesses over the past few weeks with not only Covid 19 absences but also chicken pox. Students and Staff affected are now starting to return to school.

Christmas Cards provided £500 donation to the school, Mrs Sinclair thanks the Parent council for involvement in that.

### ***P1/P7 Transitions***

Primary 1 enrolment has begun. Its looking likely that the next session will have seven straight classes, but not confirmed until nearer the time due to placing requests. There are nine catchment children this year. The plan is to have new P1s come into school for induction May/June time, and this is dependent on the high school induction days for P7s. No dates have been confirmed yet. The P7 pupils will have some online interaction with the high school, and this will be attended by Miss McGlade.

### ***P7 Residential trip***

P7 Residential will happen this year, Wiston Lodge is the location, and this has been approved by South Lanarkshire Council. The trip will be 2 nights and 3 days and pupils always have a fun time.

### ***PEF Funding***

Home learning maths packs for P1 and P2 are in school and are expected to be sent home as part of family learning, this is not compulsory. These have been funded by the Pupil Equity funding that is provided by Scottish Government.

### ***Mid-Year Reflections***

Midyear reflections have been issued to parents. This is not a school report, it is a pupil's opportunity to discuss with teachers and parents the aspects of learning they have enjoyed and what they have found challenging. The feedback slips are welcomed back from parents as the school is always keen to receive the feedback from home.

### ***Parents Night***

Parents night will still be phone calls for this term as the school are still not allowed to have large numbers in the school building due to covid 19 restrictions. Parent council will continue to meet on zoom for the foreseeable.

### ***After School and lunchtime clubs***

These have restarted. Netball is on at lunchtime and can be attended by P6s. There will also be rugby starting in March again for P6 at the moment. Dance will also be starting at lunchtimes. On Wednesdays there will be a STEM club ran by Mrs Hardisty and Miss McBride. They have achieved an accreditation for these programs.

### ***New website***

Mrs Naismith has been working to revamp the website using glows platform, WordPress. The new system will be more responsive on mobile phones. Once South Lanarkshire Council have approved the URL this will be made live. Parent council can have an area and upload, by asking a member of the office to do this on their behalf.

### ***Gala Day***

The Gala Day will go ahead this year, 11<sup>th</sup> June. Gala committee have asked for entry forms, with suggested theme by March 16<sup>th</sup>. Parent council will come up with three ideas and a letter should be issued out to parents to vote. Jen McGarry will come back to Mrs Sinclair with the 3 options by end of the week.

## **2. Finances**

Finances were not discussed as Christina was absent, however Jen McGarry advised that there is funding available for the usual term donation to the school from the parent council.

## **3. Fundraising and Events**

As the building is still limited in terms of numbers, we could raise funds by doing a summer fete outside, with similar stalls and games April/May time. Kate Stuart also suggested a sponsored family walk which she will organise.

#### **4. AOB**

Michelle asked whether a Facebook page for the parent council could be used. Mrs Sinclair advised twitter is best as it has been approved by SLC and any announcements that the parent council want to put out can be done via this channel. Contact the office in the first instance.

#### **5. Next Meeting**

Next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 via Zoom.