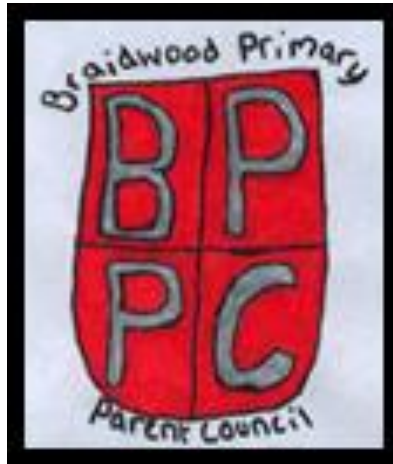


Braidwood Parent Council Meeting



Monday 18th Sept 2023

Attendees

Name	Position
Gwen Sinclair	Head Teacher
Heather Naismith	Principal Teacher
Laura Lattimer	Chair of Parent Council
Jen McGarry	Clerk
Christina Smith	Treasurer
Clare Spence	Parent Council Member
Kate Stuart	Parent Council Member
Rachel Leckie	Parent Council Member
Lorna MacFarlane	Parent Council Member
Lesley Gilmour	Parent Council Member
Kirsty	Parent Council Member
Siobhan Low	Parent Council Member

Apologies

Name	Position
Susan McCafferty	Parent Council Member
Clare Spence	Parent Council Member
Karen	Parent Council Member
Jessica Shute	Parent Council Member

1. Election of parent council positions

Laura Swindell has requested to step down from the Chair position and Kate Stuart was elected. Laura was thanked for her contribution and Kate is welcomed.

After 5 years in Clerk post Jen McGarry has stepped down and will be replaced by Lorna MacFarlane.

Laura and Jen will still be part of the parent council.

Christina Smith will remain as treasurer but is looking for more volunteers to be signatories. Preferably those members with younger children in the school.

2. Head Teacher Report

Full staff compliment this year. Mr Clarke and Miss McBride are back. Recent letter issued contains lots of dates for the diary.

PEF funding is £10.5k and letters will be issued to children to vote on what this should be spent on.

Parents evening will be in October and this will be the first year where appointments will be booked via parents portal.

Swimming lessons – A block of swimming has been booked for March to June.

School captains have been elected, more information in October newsletter.

Braidwood have been presented with a digital school's award. Assessors were hugely impressed with how the school integrate digital technologies into learning.

Children enjoyed skills for life week and parents thanked for their involvement.

Mrs Sinclair has asked the parent council if they would consider issuing a letter to parents regarding the parking at the school. All other avenues have been exhausted and there is no improvement. Clerk will draft a letter in collaboration with the other members to be issued.

2. Finances

Parent council donated 1500 in April.596.20 was raised from the easter raffle. 246 was raised from the summer disco. Parent council will donate 1000 this term leaving 1917.33 balance in the account. Mrs Sinclair thanked the parent council for the donation.

3. Fundraising and Events

Halloween is fast approaching. Date has been agreed as 23/10/2023. The parent council will draft a letter to go out to parents to advise further details. There are decorations in school although more could be bought. Christina will do the DJ again and snacks will be arranged.

Christmas Fayre date is 29/11/23. Need plenty of volunteers to help and if anyone would like to take over from Jackie please volunteer.

4. AOB

- P7 trip – letter was issued today with information for P7 parents.
- Cost of buses - ongoing concern the children are missing out on activities due to location and cost of buses. A suggestion was made whether we could use play barns bus.
- Football – There will be football run by Mr Clarke and the school will take part in the Gala cup.

5. Next Meeting

6th November.