Braidwood Parent Council Meeting



Monday20th January 2025

<u>Attendees</u>

Name	Position
Gwen Sinclair	Head Teacher
Heather Naismith	Principal Teacher
Claire MacKenzie	Chair of Parent Council
Lorna McFarlane	Clerk
Karen McGinty	Parent Council Member
Lesley Gilmour	Parent Council Member
Rachel Leckie	Parent Council Member
Christina Smith	Treasurer
Sharon Frame	Parent Council Member
Laura Swindell	Parent Council Member
Siobhan Low	Parent Council Member
Morag Fleming	Parent Council Member
Jessica Shute	Parent Council Member
Stacey Rooney	Parent Council Member
Kirsty Forrest	Parent Council Member

Apologies

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Susan McCafferty	Parent Council Member
Clare Spence	Parent Council Member
Angela Slaven	Parent Council Member
Stephanie Kerr	Parent Council Member
Kate Stuart	Parent Council Member
Nichola Casey	Parent Council Member

1. Head Teacher Report

Primary Enrolment: The intake numbers are similar to previous years, with no confirmation of exact numbers yet.

Traffic Management Meeting: Scheduled for early February with Karen from South Lanarkshire Council and Lynn Harvie from facilities. A spot check on safety around the school will be conducted.

Staffing: Mrs. Fachie is returning from maternity leave to Primary 4, with Mr. Clarke possibly staying on as area cover. A new student teacher, Miss Dorrien, will join until the end of May.

New QR Code Sticker: A new system for parents to scan a QR code to see pictures of their child, enhancing communication.

New Value Bands: Mint green bands have replaced the red ones, and a new Bumble Bee band is introduced for consistently showing school values.

X (formerly Twitter): The teaching unions have brought to the schools attention about photo ownership on X. The new QR code system would maybe be a better means than X for sharing photos with parents.

2. Finances

Current Account Balance: £1376.29.

Cheque Issuance: Christina will issue a cheque for £800 this week, which includes £300 for the hoodies.

Form Submission: Christina had initially missed an email but has now fixed and resubmitted the forms.

3. Fundraising and Events

Gala Day: A sub-committee has been formed, and planning for the theme is underway. The first meeting is scheduled for Friday, 31st January (time to be confirmed). Anyone interested in joining can contact Rachel. Participation is flexible, with various stages including theme, costume planning, costume prep, float assembly, and on-the-day marshalls.

World Book Day: The school usually organizes an event for World Book Day, details to be confirmed. A book stall will be set up around the time of World Book Day. The Captains will also run a preloved book stall, with all proceeds going to school funds.

April Spring Fayre: Scheduled for 30th April. Claire will start a WhatsApp group for the sub-committee.

4. AOB

P7 Leavers Hoodies: The P7 students and Miss Neil are now wearing their leavers hoodies.

Commission Enquiry: Lorna will contact the class fundraiser to find out when and how the commission will be paid.

Parking Banner: The Captains are looking into this.

5. Next Meeting

Date of next meeting is Monday 24th February