**Braidwood Parent Council Meeting**



**Monday 8th September 2025**

**Attendees**

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| **Name** | **Position** |
| **Gwen Sinclair** | **Head Teacher** |
| **Claire MacKenzie** | **Chair of Parent Council** |
| **Lorna McFarlane** | **Secretary** |
| **Karen McGinty** | **Parent Council Member** |
| **Stephanie Kerr** | **Parent Council Member** |
| **Sharon Frame** | **Parent Council Member** |
| **Kirsty Forrest** | **Parent Council Member** |
| **Laura Swindell** | **Parent Council Member** |
| **Morag Fleming** | **Parent Council Member** |

**Apologies**

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| **Name** | **Position** |
| **Heather Naismith** | **Principal Teacher** |
| **Christina Smith** | **Treasurer** |
| **Clare Spence** | **Parent Council Member** |
| **Lesley Gilmour** | **Parent Council Member** |
| **Angela Slaven** | **Parent Council Member** |
| **Racheal Leckie** | **Parent Council Member** |
| **Susan McCafferty** | **Parent Council Member** |
| **Siobhan Low** | **Parent Council Member** |
| **Jessica Shute** | **Parent Council Member** |
| **Stacey Rooney** | **Parent Council Member** |

**Head Teacher Report**

* All children have settled well back into school.
* 11 new Primary 1 pupils have started.
* Miss MacKay has joined the staff and is teaching Primary 6.
* Class newsletters have been distributed.
* No Skills Week will take place this year.
* **Rookie Rockstars** will visit with their new programme (2).
	+ Concert: Thursday 25th, 6:30–7:30pm.
* This year, the school is embracing **enquiry-based learning**, encouraging curiosity and independent thinking across all year groups. Each class was asked the same open-ended question:

**“What do you see up above?”**

* **P1/2** – *Rainbows and clouds*
* **P2/3** – *Drones*
* **P4** – *Space and the solar system*
* **P5** – *Online gaming characters that fly/animation*
* **P6** – *Life and death*
* **P7** – *Dandelion fairies*

Each class will now explore their chosen theme through projects, discussions, and creative activities.

* Budget was set in April.
	+ PEF funds used to extend Mrs Paterson’s hours by one day/week.
	+ Pupils will vote on how to spend part of the budget.
* Parent helpers involved in:
	+ Bikeability
	+ Football
	+ Sports Hall Athletics

 **Finances**

* Opening Parent Council bank balance: **–£578**
* Treasurer Update:
	+ Christina is stepping down.
	+ Sharon Frame will take over.
	+ Kirsty Forrest and Karen McGinty added as bank signatories.
	+ Huge thanks to Christina for her service over the years!
* A **SumUp machine** has been purchased for event transactions.

 **Events**

* **Halloween Disco**: Wednesday 29th October
	+ Split into P1–4 and P5–7 groups
	+ £3 per child
	+ Laura to email letter to school
* **Spring Fayre**: Rescheduled to 29th April
* **Race Night**: Being considered for November
* **Colour Run**: Planned for spring

 **AOB**

* Foul-smelling puddles near the senior entrance reported.
	+ May be linked to sewerage issues from nearby construction.

 **Next Meeting**

* **Date**: 3rd November