PARENT COUNCIL

AGM of Bearsden Primary School Parent Council & Fundraising Group
21 September 2011

7pm

Present: Marianne Young, Diane Park, Andrew Conway, Shauna Andrews, Joanne Robertson, Susan Bloor, Aine Allardyce, Catriona Padmanabhan, Elaine O'Hara, Wendy McLaren, Sarah Jane MacDowall, Jean Ralph, Martin Albrow, Christopher Dorman, Andrena Macpherson, Katharine Otway, Marc Crothall

Documents tabled

Resolution for amendment of Parent Council constitution

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1   **Welcome and apologies**
Marc Crothall welcomed everyone.

Apologies from Deji Soyinka, Hazel Burgess, Lou McMahon, Margo Currie, Shirley-Anne Lloyd

2   **Previous minutes**
Approved

3   **Parent council report – Marc Crothall (MC)**
MC is stepping down, Martin Albrow is becoming chair.
MC explained that Document 1 concerns adding more parent members to parent council.
MC reviewed progress on the issue with traffic and parent drop-off. Various options considered and discussed with two representatives from East Dunbartonshire Council (EDC), but nothing is being progressed at present. There was little interest in walking bus.

School closures in April caused problems for parents finding childcare. Gordon Currie at EDC will consider alternatives to using the school building as a polling station.

Canteen disability access modifications have not taken place as planned. The contractor was unable to start. The decision has been taken not to proceed, but building warrants remain in place.

Regarding spending of fundraising group money - some felt that the parent council should have been more involved in spending on playground improvements last year. Both the parent council and fundraising group discussed this and the result is the constitution change resolution documents tabled at this meeting.

MC thanked the school staff and members of parent council and fundraising group.

4   Fundraising group report – Katharine Otway (KO)

Reason to fundraise: the school only gets £30 per pupil per year to cover resources. Fundraising activities include: Hallowe'en; Ladies Night; Christmas fair; Calendars and centenary merchandise; Readathon; Ceilidh; Summer fair; BBQ.

In the last year, £7,724.44 was donated for: Playground project; Reading materials; Art materials; Digital cameras; Sport; Author visits and theatre productions; Shelving

Events this term: Ladies Night 7 Oct; Hallowe'en 4 Nov; Calendars and Christmas Cards; Backpacking

Planned funding for: M&M production of Oliver!; new PA system; staging; active maths resource; centenary playground project phase 1; Readathon money used for reading materials; various other items as needed by the school

Andrena Macpherson and Debs O'Toole ran the uniform shop, raising £2500 in the last year.

KO listed continuing, new and retiring members of the fundraising group.

Net income from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 was £22,246

KO presented summarised accounts.

KO thanked school staff and fundraising group members for all their efforts in making this an exceptional year.

5   Exceptional expenditure / amendments to FRG
Document 1 - Parent council resolution 1 on number of members – no objections
Document 1 - Parent council resolution 2 on exceptional expenditure – no objections

Document 2 –FRG resolution on exceptional expenditure – no objections

6   Obtaining charity status for the fundraising group – Wendy McLaren
We meet the criteria from the regulator.
Appointment of trustees, from office bearers, but other volunteers are welcome
No objections were expressed to the fundraising group becoming a charity.
KO, Sarah Jane McDowall and Andrew Conway are willing to be trustees.
No change to constitution required.

7 AOB

Marianne Young extends thanks to MC and other parent council members and also expressed gratitude to KO and the fundraising group for their success in raising over £20,000.

KO thanks Catriona Padmanabhan for co-chairing the fundraising group and Sarah Jane MacDowall for her work on playground.