



# **PARENT COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES**

### **BEARSDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL (PC)**

**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7pm ON MICROSOFT TEAMS**

#### **In attendance**

Mrs Smith (Head Teacher)  
January Morgan White (JMW) (PC Chair)  
Mrs Wilson  
Miss Beattie  
Mr Prunty  
Katherine Sneedden (KS) (Clerk)  
Lynne Parsons (LP)  
Will Innes (WI)  
Claire Willers (CW)  
Bea Cunningham (BC)  
Michelle Ierna (MI)  
Graham Nichol  
Lindsay Macdonald  
Faith Swanney  
Beth Dunn  
Colin Forbes  
Laura Snowball  
Kate ???  
Salma Mohamed  
Stuart Harris  
Sarah???  
Gary Cuthbertson  
Wendy Moran  
Laura Pujol  
Alice Pollock  
Pauline Froggatt  
Stuart Beattie  
Clare Innes  
Veronica Harris

#### **1. Welcome from the Chair**

Apologies from Mrs Mathieson and Denise Harvey

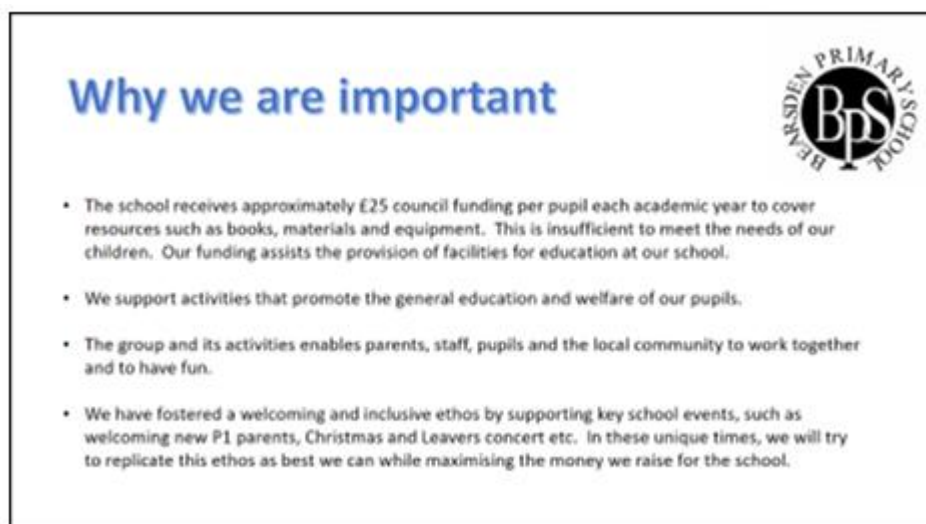
#### **2. Approval of Previous Minutes**

Minutes of the previous PC meeting were approved by LS and seconded by WI.

### 3. Fundraising Group Report

JMW confirmed that the accounts for the FG haven't been signed off yet and that, once they are, she will circulate them to the PC and FG.

JMW talked through the following slides:



## Who we are



- Chairperson January Morgan White
- Treasurer Clare Innes
- Secretary Wendy Moran

- There are 10 current members. All members are Trustees. These are Laura Snowball, Denise Harvey, Clare Innes, Wendy Moran, January Morgan-White, Kirstin Pollock, Gillian Dick, Claire Turner, Suzy Gordon, Joanne Sara Jones, Lindsay MacDonald and Faith Swanney.
- We historically have had a large group of over 30 volunteers willing to help with our events and activities so would be great to get numbers back up to this so we are able to keep holding events. Any support from the Teaching Staff would be also be greatly appreciated.
- As always, we would welcome any new faces willing to join the Group, provide support to events and new ideas to the Group.

## And finally.....



- We would welcome any new members to the Fundraising Group.
- We would also welcome any new ideas for fundraising initiatives so please speak to any member of the Group with any ideas you may have.
- Thank you to the Fundraising Group, staff and volunteers who have helped us throughout 2023/24.

Few people are leaving at the end of this school term so new members of FG would be welcomed.

#### 4. [Head Teacher's report – Sept 2024](#)

Mrs Smith updated the meeting, referring to her Head Teacher's report below.

##### **Pupil Roll Update**

- Current role 425
- P3 is full, P5 and P7 only have catchment space.
- 15 classes across the school.

##### **Staffing Update**

Primary 1	Room 9	Mrs C Rae
Primary 1	Room 10	Mrs. N Johnston
Primary 2	Room 3	Miss R Higgins
Primary 2	Room 4	Miss J Williamson
Primary 2	Room 5	Miss E Stewart

Primary 3	Room 2	Miss L Graham
Primary 3	Room 1	Mrs A Murphy
Primary 4	Room 6	Ms S Gray/ Mrs L McGonagle
Primary 4	Room 13	Mr P Prunty
Primary 5	Room 14	Miss A Mackenzie
Primary 5	Room 19	Mr D McGregor
Primary 6	Room 19	Mrs K Reid/ Mrs A Govenden
Primary 6	Room 20	Miss K Jaycock
Primary 7	Room 12	Miss E Macpherson
Primary 7	Room 17	Miss A Chan/ Miss N Beattie

RCCT Mrs G Bell  
RCCT Mr A Findlay  
RCCT Mrs. E Capaldi  
RCCT Mrs K MacPherson

Principal Teacher – Miss N Beattie  
Depute Head Teacher – Mrs. A Wilson  
Depute Head Teacher - Mrs. A Mathieson  
Head Teacher – Mrs. C Smith

### **School Improvement Plan**

Our priorities are:

- Pedagogy
- Embedding Inclusion, wellbeing and equality (Year 2)
- The CIRCLE framework/ The Promise

In Pedagogy we have been looking at the data for each class and short term targeted supports for groups of children have been identified. All teaching staff have also been devising purposeful play for their stages linked to the core skills. On the inservice day all staff had training on the CIRCLE framework. Staff are now carrying out audits to determine their action plan for the year.

### **Early Years Centre**

We have 103 children enrolled across the whole centre. We have 93 3-5's, 30 2-3's (at the moment). We will be at full capacity once allocated children have started, so these numbers will increase.  
Our new clerical assistant Ruth Hanlon started last week.

### **Centre Improvement Plan**

This session we will be focusing on the following:

- Learning, Teaching and Assessment
- Up, Up and Away
- Rights Respecting Schools increasing children's participation

We have worked with all new Early Years Workers to introduce the planning documents for the centre. The Early Years Teacher Virginia McKay and Natalie Beattie PT have met with all staff to discuss plans for this term and how we are changing tracking of children this term.

All staff have been part of the initial training for Up, Up and Away and will be attending authority training on October inservice day for this.  
The children have worked with the Senior Early Worker to devise a children's charter for the centre as they begin to look at the Rights of the Child.

#### **Facilities Management:**

- New flooring was laid during the summer holidays in the ICT suite, Rm 16 and Rm 1.
- Planning of windows, boilers and stonework repairs as well as the repairs to the roof are all in hand with a plan and timescale to be confirmed. A report is being taken to the Council meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September by the Major Assets Service with cost and timeline for these repairs and enhancements to the school. Due to Health and Safety concerns some of this work cannot be undertaken when the children are in school.

We await further updates and will let you know as we hear them.

#### **Events and Successes**

- Skills 31 has restarted for P4-7. We have been lucky to have some parent volunteers come to help in some of these.
- We had our House Captain elections and now have 8 new House Captains for the year. Mrs Mathieson is working closely with them to arrange House Huddles this Friday and the first monthly House treat for Kirk. They will introduce some of their ideas from their speeches over the year – one was to celebrate birthdays at assembly which we started this week!
- P1 parents had a Stay and Play at the end of August. This was very well-attended and parents were offered slots over the full week.
- P2-7 parents are invited in to an Open Afternoon next Thursday afternoon.
- P3 Rm 1 went to BBC Scotland studios to watch the filming of 'Get Set Galactic!' as some of the children had been successful in applying to be on the show. We will let you know when the show is due to be aired.
- The fundraising group giving teachers £100 to spend on classroom resources. Parents can see what staff and children decided to spend the money on via seesaw.
- We are looking to resume our lunchtime and after school clubs over the next few weeks. We hope that Terry from Drumchapel Table Tennis club will be able to resume his sessions with P5-7 on a Monday after school and Cross Country with Mrs Mathieson will resume shortly. Dates to be confirmed and information will be shared with families so that they can indicate their child's interest.
- EYC events: Curriculum Evening 10th October

#### **Questions/Comments from Head Teacher's Report**

None

#### **5. School Refurbishment**

Nothing to add to recent email update

#### **6. Matters Arising**

None

#### **7. AoB**

Homework - KS had been asked by a parent to raise query on homework as some teachers give it out and some don't. Mrs Smith clarified that homework is voluntary, and just there if families chose to do it. P1 is slightly different, with more traditional reading, phonics, letter formation being encouraged.

Parking - JMW wanted to point out that changes to parking at Bearsden Cross are proposed from October 2025

- Meters on New Kirk Road – all on street parking
- Increase timings at Post Office car park to 8am – 6pm (currently 9am – 5pm)
- Large car park will be charged
- Still to go through Traffic Management Order and final consultation

CF pointed out there would be an option to put in representation to the consultation directly or through the Community Council.

WI- can we look at options for parents, WI to discuss with Breakfast Club.

Mrs Smith stated that there is a Travel Plan Officer at the Council and she will try to find out who this is as they would need to update the Travel Plan for the school if the changes go ahead.

Safer Streets Bearsden – if anyone would like to join the group please let Claire Willers know.

Mrs Smith leaving – JMW thanked Mrs Smith for all her contributions to the school and expressed that she would very much miss her. Greg Bremner, Head of Education, is to contact JMW as she will be on the panel for selecting new Head Teacher. He will provide details of timelines etc.

PF raised whether payments be made online rather than cash/cheque only. Mrs Smith confirmed unfortunately it is EDC wide situation. JMW to contact Gavin Haire to discuss.

LH – some parents have raised concerns about where the fundraising money is spent as seems to be IT focussed. Can improvements be made to the playground? FG used to be very active on playground. CF asked Community Council if they will help the School improve the playground and said she was aware of potential sources of funding.

KS – reminded meeting that the Parent Council haven't been active on playground improvements due to Covid and then the redevelopment processes were underway so there was no desire to waste money on things which were going to be dug up etc.

CI confirmed that prior to Covid there was a plan but shelved at Covid and the refurb plans; this could be resurrected.

JMW agreed to form a sub committee and arrange a meeting to discuss.

A question was asked as to whether the old planter be removed? Gavin Haire has already agreed to get it removed. Basketball hoops also to be removed. Potentially FG can replace it and they will raise this at their next meeting. JMW also noted that new house captains get £250 to spend on playground equipment.

**8. Office Bearers**

PC -	Chair	January Morgan White
	Secretary	Katherine Sneedden
	Committee	Lynne Parsons
		Laura Snowball
		Will Innes
		Michelle Ierna
		Pauline Froggatt
		Bea Cunningham
		Laura Pujol
FG –	Committee	Claire Willers
		Chair
		January Morgan White
		Secretary
		Wendy Moran
		Treasurer
		Clare Innes
		Claire Turner
		Kirstin Pollock
		Denise Harvey
		Gillian Dick
		Laura Snowball

JMW confirmed there is still space on both committees, if anyone would like to formally join then let KS know.

**9. Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting of the Parent Council is to be confirmed.