



PARENT COUNCIL

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MINUTES

BEARSDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL (PC)

THURSDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7pm ON MICROSOFT TEAMS

In attendance

Mrs Smith (Head Teacher)
January Morgan White (JMW) (PC Chair)
Mrs Wilson
Miss Beattie
Mr Prunty
Mrs Mathieson
Katherine Sneed (KS) (Clerk)
Fiona Jack
Anne Storrie
Graham Nichol
Lynne Parsons (LP)
Laura Snowball (LS)
Pauline Froggatt (PF)
Will Innes (WI)
Wendy Moran (WM)
Lynne Gorman
Claire Foss (CF)
Bea Cunningham (BC)
Laura Pujol
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1. Welcome from the Chair

No apologies

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

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

3. Head Teacher's report – February 2024

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

Pupil Roll Update

- Current role 428
- P2 and P6 are full, P1 and P4 only have catchment space. Other stages have some limited availability other than P7.
- 15 classes across the school.

Staffing Update

Primary 1 Room 9 Miss M Bryce

Primary 1	Room 10	Mrs. N Johnston
Primary 1	Room 4	Miss J Williamson
Primary 2	Room 3	Mrs C Rae
Primary 2	Room 5	Miss E Stewart
Primary 3	Room 2	Miss L Graham
Primary 3	Room 1	Miss R Higgins
Primary 4	Room 6	Miss A Thomson
Primary 4	Room 15	Miss A Mackenzie
Primary 5	Room 14	Mrs. L MacKay
Primary 5	Room 19	Miss N Beattie/ Mrs A Govenden
Primary 6	Room 12	Mr D McGregor
Primary 6	Room 20	Mr P Prunty
Primary 7	Room 13	Mrs N Boyd
Primary 7	Room 17	Miss K Jaycock

RCCT Mrs G Bell
RCCT Mr A Findlay
RCCT Mrs. E Capaldi
RCCT Mrs K Reid
RCCT Ms S Gray
RCCT Mrs K MacPherson
RCCT/Teaching Kitchen Mrs L McGonagle

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:

- Embedding Inclusion, wellbeing and equality
- Curriculum Rationale
- Play into Enquiry and IDL

We have been working on our three priorities and have issued updates for all parents through the monthly newsletters. This term we are having a focus on increasing Pupil Voice across the school, to allow them to be fully involved in the life of the school, informing decisions. Every child in P4-7 has been allocated in a Pupil Participation Group (all children given either 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice) and we have a wide array of groups. These include Junior Leadership Team, Sports Committee, Rights Respecting Schools, Diversity, Health and Wellbeing, Events and many more.

P6 Room 20 and P1 Room 4 had a visit from Darek today who is doing research for UCLA into how we are embedding the LGBT Curriculum in our school. He was incredibly impressed with both classes and has highlighted the good practice he observed in both.

A key area we would appreciate parent feedback on is our Pupil Equity Funding (PEF). This session we have allocated this to resources to support the teaching of literacy as the core aim of PEF is to close the attainment gap. It should also be used to ensure school is equitable for all children so we have set aside money to support with trips, residential etc. to ensure that money is not a barrier to participation. Are there other things we should consider? Is there a different way to ensure parents are aware that we can help out or an easier way for parents to request this help? Any feedback would be appreciated as we intend for this money to be used where most needed.

Early Years Centre

We have 154 children enrolled across the whole centre. We have 114 3-5's, 40 2-3's (at the moment). We will be at full capacity once allocated children have started, so these numbers will increase. We have had a few changes in staff with Nicole Carberry, Senior Years Worker, leaving to take up a new post and we currently have an Acting Senior Early Years worker, Rebecca

Siddall, joining us until the post is advertised and appointed permanently. Our Early Years Teacher is currently off but Eve Briggs has taken this post on until she returns.

Centre Improvement Plan

This session we will be focusing on the following:

- Ensuring high quality experiences underpinned by the rights of the child.
- Family Partnerships
- Curriculum

Ensuring high quality experiences underpinned by the rights of the child

All staff have moved to their new area of responsibility for this term. This allows staff to develop progressive activities at an area while building on the ideas that the previous staff had developed there. It also allows for children who prefer to spend time with one key worker to be encouraged to try different areas in the centre. We are this term working to develop the garden area further. The Early Years teacher has been working with groups and individuals to ensure that there is support and challenge in learning.

Lunch and snack routines have been a focus and the children can now self-select their name to join lunch, self-serve their own lunch with visuals to help guide portion control and clear up. They are building their independence skills whilst developing social skills, sharing their day with their friends at the lunch table.

Family partnerships

We held a Curriculum Evening in October which was really well received. There have been Stay and Play for woodwork session and we have a Bookbug session coming up. Christmas was a highlight as parents/ carers came along to the Christmas concert and enjoyed the songs from the children. We also used this opportunity to gather parental views on our Curriculum Rationale. All parents had an opportunity for a meeting with their child's key worker in November and children eligible for deferral to school were invited to meet with Headteacher and Early Years Teacher to discuss this.

Curriculum

New planning formats for play and group time have been in place for some time now and working really well. The Early Years Teacher and Miss Beattie meet with staff regularly to discuss children's progress and ensure that the early level experiences and outcomes are being achieved. This term we introduced a Curriculum Newsletter to share with parents our focus for the term. As above, we have gathered parental views on Curriculum Rationale and we also have staff views. This term we are gathering the children's views and hope to be able to share our completed rationale with all soon.

Facilities Management:

- As shared with the Parent Council, the information we have had from EDC is as follows:
The Capital Programme which includes all projects is currently being reviewed and will be presented to Council in February by the Executive Officer for Assets & Facilities. This covers all Capital projects, not just the Education Estate. There was a report presented by the Executive Officer for Assets & Facilities at the Council meeting on Thursday 14th December 2023 advising of this. Links to the Report which was presented and details this and the current status of all the Capital Projects listed, which includes the following Education Estate projects, Balmuldy Primary, Bearsden Primary, Milngavie Primary, Westerton Primary and also Lenzie Academy. (all links circulated to Parent Council).

Events and Successes

- EYC had a fabulous Christmas Concert with great feedback given on the event.
- P7 have started Bikeability and have had playground sessions. Next sessions will take them on the roads.
- Thomas Muir Art work competition winner- James L, P6 won and was invited to a ceremony on 31st January. His artwork will be displayed in the coffee shop in Bishopbriggs.
- P6 children have been visiting the EYC to meet the children who will be coming to school next session and reading stories to them. The EYC children have started this week to come to the school for short play visits. Once we have all our confirmed numbers we will invite children from all other nurseries to join us for some sessions.
- We are again working with the Police Liaison Officers to offer a Parental Workshop on Social Media. Last session we held this for P6 and P7 but feedback from parents was that they had already got phones etc by then so it would be better to look at this earlier. This session we are opening it up to P4-7 parents and this will be held in the school on February 20th February at 6pm.

- P7 have been invited by the Active Schools Co-ordinator to participate in a football and netball games night at Bearsden Academy on 8th February. They have been preparing for this at lunchtimes with Mrs McKay and Miss Jaycock.
- We have booked some class trips for this term and next term. A huge thank you to the Fundraising Group for helping subsidise these trips and they have donated £200 to every stage towards the cost of buses. This helps to keep costs down for parents.

Questions/Comments from Head Teacher's Report

KS asked if teachers do approach parents who are not signing up for school trips to check whether any support can be offered. Mrs Smith confirmed that this is the case.

LH noted that the introduction of electronic forms for trips is welcomed – could add as a question/note?

WM works with families in deprived areas, she will have a think about any ideas.

WI commented that it would probably be worth clarifying how the school handle the information regarding financial support for trips – perhaps a note on the form.

4. School Refurbishment

JMW confirmed that there is a Council meeting on 22nd February 2024 to review and approve the Budget and that at this time we understand there are to be delays.

PC to agree offline whether any action needs to be taken.

5. Matters Arising

None

6. AoB

PF raised that comments had been made by her children re school lunches and portion sizes – are there issues? Other parents hearing the same?

Mrs Smith – she's not aware of issues, but asks people to email in if any concerns and she will pass to Facilities Management.

CF raised the issue of playing of football in the playground which seems to take over the whole playground and as such there is not much space for play without fear of being hit by balls.

Mrs Mathieson confirmed she had heard the same and that a plan is being formulated to address this. She also commented that that new playground items are to be purchased through the Fundraising Group.

CF thanks Mrs Mathieson and commented that its a good thing about the school that kids get to influence change.

7. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Parent Council is Thursday 21st March at 7pm.