**Balmuildy Primary School**

**Parent Council Minutes**

**Tuesday 7th March 2023**

**Apologies:** Atif Rashid, Marieanne Macleod

**Present:** Susan Anderson, Stephanie Fowler, Heather Glass, Hazel Fisher, Lorna Kenney, Kelly O’Neill.

**Matters arising from pervious meeting**

Communications policy – the school were still working on the policy and LK to distribute to PC members before the next meeting on 25th April.

Reading Strategy – Carol Jarman to attend next PC meeting to give an update on Balmuildy’s reading strategy. LK gave a brief overview.

* Focus on reading at recent in-service day.
* Focus on Scots language throughout the month of January
* Money has been invested in purchasing additional non-fiction texts.
* There has been a focus on supports for young people with specigic reading difficulties
* CJ has been working on a draft reading strategy

**Head Teacher Update**

* Parents Evening - the school staff are preparing for the upcoming parents’ evening. LK happy that online booking system continues to work well.
* Crossing Patrols – Craig (buildings manager) continues to over Joyce’s post until she returns this month. He will then return to his original crossing patrol location.
* New pupils – 11 new pupils have enrolled at Balmuildy over recent weeks. The young people are settling well.
* Staffing – Miss Hilson is currently on mat leave and is being covered by B Wood. J Lyle continues to cover H Cochrane. There are currently posts advertised for 1 classroom assistant and one temporary SLA.
* Assemblies – assembly programme continuing to go well. Staff are happy to see parents/carers back in attendance.
* Swimming – P6 swimming lessons are due to begin shortly.
* Transitions – Staff continue to work on supporting upcoming transitions for both P1 and P7.

**School Build Update**

Please find official information below in relation to the progress of the new school project – please note, these are indicative and the dates and processes may be subject to change:

* Pre-Application Notice to be issued to EDC planning imminently. As this is considered to be a major application, 2 public events will be required which are likely to be held in May/June 2023 to avoid holiday periods.
* The consultancy team is now in place and a tender exercise is ongoing to appoint contractor with confirmed appointment imminent.
* A presentation can be made to PC at an appropriate time to provide more detail on the concept designs as they are developed. (such as landscaping, floor plan updates and general design progress)

**AOCB**

-Traffic

PC member asked if traffic calming measures will be considered as part of the plan for the new build. This is a question to keep in mind as part of the upcoming consultation.

-Constitution

HF to update constitution. LK to send an electronic copy of both handbook and constitution.

Next meeting : Tuesday April 25th at 6.30pm in Turnbull High School

Agenda items for April 25th

* Reading Strategy
* Communication Policy
* SHRE