Balmuildy Parents Council Meeting

Tuesday 7th November 2023

Turbnbull High School

Present

Lorna Kenney (Head Teacher), Lindsay McBride (Principal Teacher), Marieanne Macleod (Chair),Heather Glass, Susan Anderson, Sean Kelly, Gordan Low (Councillor), Linda Williamson (Coucillor), Lindsay Jackson(Active Schools)

Apologies

Hazel Fisher, Melodie Crumlin, Susan Mason, Stephanie Fowler, Kelly O’Neill

The AGM had to be postponed at this meeting due to reduced members present, it was proposed to be held at the next PC meeting in Jan 2024.

Cost of School Day – P7 residential trip, a parent had raised concern re the cost the residential trip, as it appears to be the most costly within the local primary schools, with others ranging from £180-240, and ours costing £365.

LK discussed that the school had looked into other options but had felt that either the sleeping accommodation or the facilities offered in other centres didn’t seems as good. The trip had been reduced by 1 night to reduce cost. The bus hire is very costly currently. PTA financial support was discussed and fundraising, although it was felt that with additional fundraising you are taking money from the same pool of parents. Potential to look into funding available from council.

New school Update - Councillors updated that the consultation process has closed now but it hasn’t been presented at the planning committee yet.

Ms Kenney and other staff member have visited another new school within East Dunbartonshire and have done a workshop to work through ideas for interiors, storage, etc. There has been a classroom consultation with teachers and meeting with facilities management.

A neighbour of the school has raised concern over the placement of the upper floor windows being in line with the houses. GL advised that issued can still be raised via the council website although the official consultation period is closed

Walking routes into school - concern raised re P6 walking route being along the road and having to walk on grass. LK advised all routes have been risk assessed, there are 4 members on staff patrolling in AM and PM, children are taught about road safely, due to the high numbers on school roll having them all leave via one entrance would cause too much congestion.

The new school build has proposed paths all the way round school for better routes.

Active Schools - Lindsay Jackson from Active schools spoke to give an update on their role within the school. They work in partnership with Sports Scotland, Local Authority and Scottish Government. They aim to provide extracurricular sports - lunch or after school and highlight community sports that are on offer. Balmuildy currently has limited facilities as the after school uses the hall. They hope to set up a sports committee within the pupil council and find out what needs the children feel they have and how they can help. They would be keen for parental involvement and input.

Next meeting planned for Wed 31st Jan 2024 Turnbull High School 6:30-8PM