

Baljaffray Parent Teacher Council

Meeting **23rd January 2024**

Attendees:

Lesley Rodden (Head Teacher)
Elaine Patterson (Deputy Head)
Lynne Parker (Deputy Head)
David McIntosh (Chair)
Kirsten Donaldson (Vice-Chair)
Linden Fradet
Gavin Ross
Graeme Glen (apology)
Emily Dewar (apology)
Hazel Dawson
Sharon Middleton (apology)

1. Apologies and notification

Note of apologies and agreement of previous minutes

2. School update

Staffing:

- New classroom assistant in place
- P7 Mrs Maclean – away for an operation – plan is Ms Hepburn will do 4 days, Mrs Vassey will do some – EDC asked for form to advertise. Preference is continuity for P7. Mrs MacLean a real loss and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Complaints procedures

- EDC have asked that all schools share their complaints procedure
- Lesley will share with PTC first
- Basics are that complaint is resolved by school first

Shelter

- Sam Moore – from EDC came down and had a look at the ground
- Two options shown: One had no sides and no flooring (!), The other had sides and seats and flooring. The seated one sat 25. Lesley opted for the sides, seats and flooring
- Linden also suggested that this feels like step backwards – agreed by the PTC
- David McIntosh to email Gavin Haire for an update on Sam Moore visit to confirm spec and to seek clarity on timeline

Events:

- P4 and P4/P5 sight seeing on the open top bus plus lots of volunteers
- P5 P6 going the following week PTA are paying
- Scottish Assembly this Friday
- Open morning for 7th February – parents / carers open to come – very interactive session

- Class photos 5th Feb
- 6th Feb safer internet
- P7 cultural afternoon – doing it on being Scottish – want it to be very inclusive – will be seeking feedback too
- 50th birthday celebration coming up – lots underway – Mrs Paterson got a mural artist for the main entrance and also one at the back of the school – PTA paying - £1,400 - £1,500 maybe – PTC question – could we get another quote (perhaps Glasgow School of Art) School had got in touch with another mural designer – but didn't get a quote. Linden will offer a GSA contact. Roseanne Barr did the mural at the nursery. Opportunity for press on the mural – everything has to go through EDC comms.
- On the P7 cultural event – there will be a showcase of talent
- Tree planting – going to plant 50 trees – also ties in with sustainable learning – going to use some PEF money for this activity
- 70s concert – provisional dates – 26th and 27th of March – lots of ideas – children performing and parents arriving
- PTA event – adults only 8th March
- Whole school photo – drone photo
- Tea party for the summer

Documents

1. Getting it Right for Every Child

- PTC feedback:
- Linden – comment on linkage between this document and the Conflict and Behaviour document and the School Clothing document. Is the larger one really the “go to” document
- David – having been at the school for many years, it's clear this is all practically implemented at the school

2. School Clothing: Framework for Action

- PTC feedback:
- How could this be practically applied to Baljaffray – beyond current action like the re-used rail?
- Ambition for the school is that the clothes rail becomes really common practice
- Linden question on how to consult with the kids – much more aware of sites like Vinted etc. How do we encourage that – Lesley – *beehives going to be asked on this topic – making own clothes / knitting / sewing. Addressing ease of fashion for older kids something to also be touched on.* Hazel – is any sewing / knitting taught – Lesley – *knitting class / sewing class at lunchtime to be explored*

3. Conflict and bullying behaviour

- PTC feedback:
- Useful that one of the examples is online bullying – links are very useful too
- Linden – just clarity on whether this is school position or EDC document? Is it for information or is it call for action?
- Contact number is “phone us at the school” – clarity is it to call the office, the teacher, the Deputy, the head teacher – “call the school” a little vague *Often it depends on the incident in question*

PTA chat

- Accountant agreed for PTA accounts “Independent Examiner” role - Leana Dalenkvis - Qualified CIMA – child in P1 – taking over from David McIntosh
- Possibility that the PTA funds were going to be added to. P1 parent – had a fund at Edrington (match funding) – may be able to double Xmas Fayre / Disco – so could get £3,500 - £10,000 budget which is a fantastic result.
- Question on whether there is a cash limit for PTA. David McIntosh will look into that – PTA also looking

Transition P7

- Leaving events etc – all arranged between PTA and school
- Date for Ardmay parent evening in March
- When handing in P7 clothes, can we hand in Elf costumes, also any tartan ties / skirts from burns night
- Linden mentioned sustainable clothing event

AOB:

- Fundraiser for the British Red Cross: recipe call still open?
- Letter sent to 25 local restaurants asking to share recipe from menu
- Going to email some celebrity chefs and bakers
- Gavin question: are parent’s allowed on Friday to the Scottish Assembly – yes
- On the school run – road safety beehive getting speedbumps on the main road – great point to raise and advice is to keep going
- Parent’s driving into the car park – shouldn’t happen!
- Can PTA put the weekly reminder up per usual please
- Can you have both parent’s on email – yes – you can
- Question on open top bus and weather and if cancellation required – weather should be fine by Thurs and school will assess