**Balmuildy Primary School Parent Council Minutes**

**Wednesday 6th Sept 2023 at Turnbull High School.**

*The wider parent forum was invited to attend via an email invite from the school office and via a Facebook post & event to those members of the private Balmuildy PC FB group* [*https://facebook.com/groups/balmuildypc/*](https://facebook.com/groups/balmuildypc/)

**Present**: Lorna Kenney (Head Teacher), Cllr Gordan Low (Councillor), Lynda Williamson (Councillor), Marieanne Macleod (Chair), Stephanie Fowler (Vice Chair), Kelly O’Neill (Clerk), Heather Glass, Susan Anderson, Laura Dickson.

**Apologies** Melodie Crumlin, Hazel Fisher, Susan Mason

Agenda

1. School Improvement priorities 23/24 and New Term Report
2. School build update and next steps
3. Cost of the school day
4. PVGs for volunteering parents at PTA events
5. Dogs on school grounds
6. AOB
7. **School Improvement priorities 23/24 and New Term Report -LKenney**

Wellbeing- values

Play and enquiry based learning

Reading

1. **School build update and next steps – Cllr Low**

Public consultation has now closed and in the feedback stage

Planning is hoped to take place at the October 23 planning meeting

It is estimated once the work started that it would take 65 weeks to complete

1. **Cost of the school day**

Parent raised concern regarding a stationary list that was given to the children who were transitioning from P6 to P7. Parent felt this put an costly expectation on the parents and asked what was provided by the school and was the school aware of this list. LK was unaware if this going out from the school but spoke to the teacher involved, who had written the list as guidance for the parents as children has been asking in class what things they would need. LK said that all communication was now directed to go through the school office before asking parents to make any financial contribution.

LK discussed the Child Poverty Action Group that are a charity that produce ‘Cost of the School day’ material that the school is using to make decisions financial obligations to parents.

1. **PVGs for volunteering parents at PTA events**

PTA members have had difficulty in obtaining PVGs for working with the PTA due to miscommunication on where to obtain the PVGs from, but now the head teacher can sign off on applications so progress is being made. The PTA aims to have all PTA members PVG certified in order to help with events, but not general helpers at school events.

1. **Dogs on school grounds**

Dogs in school grounds out with school hours – dogs fouling in areas where the children play and not collecting the dog waste, a parent had raised concern re report on dogs racing on the muga in evening. We can only advise people to keep out and pick up dog fouling but can’t enforce as the gates cannot be locked. The new build will need to be secure when construction starts therefore dog walkers will be unable to access at that point.

1. **AOB**

**School menu** – are there are halal options on the menu every day? The Miss Kenney (HT) will ask the kitchen. There is always a vegetarian option available. The allergen matrix is available through the school and on the council website.

**Outdoor Play** - Playground toys were discussed, there is budget avaible and the school will be requesting new equipment early in the new year.

Next meeting planned

Tuesday 7th November 2023 at Turnbull High School. AGM is planned for this date.