**Balmuildy Primary School**

**Parent Council Minutes**

**Wednesday 17th April 2024**

**Apologies:** M MacLeod

**Present:** S Fowler, Anderson, H Glass, H Fisher, L Kenney, K O’Neill, M Crumlin, O Henrich, Cllr Williamson, Cllr Low

**1. Head Teacher Interview**

The walk round for the new HT post will take place on 25th April. The long leet interview will be on the 29th April followed by the short leet interview on Tuesday 7th May. MM and MC will represent the PC on the 29th and MM and SK(New PC member not present at meeting) on the 7th May. The interview panel is pleased with the calibre of the applicants.

**2. School Writing Planning**

HG asked for further information about the school writing programme. LK stated that there is a robust scheme in place which will be due to be reviewed again soon. LK talked the PC through PEBL (Pupil Enquiry Based Learning) and a new programme, The Circle, being rolled out across the authority. Initial training for Head Teachers will be taking place next month. Balmuildy’s recent focus has been on reading which has been discussed in more detail in previous PC meetings.

**3. Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP) (recap)**

* Time will be allocated during the upcoming in-service day in May for staff to review RSHP materials and choose equivalent lessons for each stage.
* This will be followed up with a parental information evening on 14th May (6-7pm) where parents will have the opportunity to view materials and ask staff any questions they may have.
* The RSHP lessons will then be delivered to classes in May/June
* Materials for all stages can be viewed at [www.rshp.scot](http://www.rshp.scot)

**4. School Build Update**

Planning board have now met and permission has been granted. The next stage will be for EDC to agree as to whether they are in a position to arrive at financial closure. This should happen within the coming months.

HF asked Cllr Low if the EDC website could be updated to reflect any updates.

**5. Staffing Update**

LK informed PC that Mrs Sutherland has had her request to reduce her working hours granted. Part time DHT post has been advertised. Dates for interview to be confirmed and LK will be in touch to request a PC representative to sit on the interview panel.

**6. AOCB**

**Tempest Photography –** PC member asked about the school contract with Tempest Photography following the recent media attention around the experience of a school in Aberdeen.LK said that they had no issues with the service provided by the local franchise and that generally they are booked in each year when the company are in taking photos. LK to check if this has been booked for next year.

**School disco -** Concern highlighted regarding parents/carers taking photos/videos during school disco. There were also lots of children using phones during the disco which has never been an issue before. LK confirmed that phones are not permitted to be used during the school day or at social times.Concern to be followed up with PTA.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 28th May 24