



PARENT COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEARSDEN PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 29th November 2018 AT 7pm IN THE SCHOOL

Present

Chris Dorman (PC Chair)
Mrs Aileen Wilson (Depute Head Teacher)
January Morgan-White (FRG Chair)
Mr Patrick Prunty (Teacher)
Mr Vaughn Moody (Local Councillor)
Rachel Huston
Lynne Parsons
Laura Snowball

Welcome & Apologies

Chris opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending. Apologies were noted from Jennifer Shearer, Claire Turner, Wendy McLaren, Natalie Devine, Stuart Dickson, Neil Cochrane.

Update from last meeting

Chris provided feedback from his meeting with Alan Bauer, Executive Officer – Assests and Facilities for East Dunbartonshire Council. Alan looked at all the areas in the school causing concern and he has subsequently compiled an action plan for the work to be assessed and carried out. Any items of a Health and Safety concern have been given priority. Due to the nature of the work involved in hall floor project, it will take between 5 and 6 weeks to complete. Therefore this will not be able to be carried out until Summer 2019. The timescale for the work is as follows –

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| Security door to gym | | works completed |
| Replace external pipe work | in progress | completed by Dec 18 |
| Potholes in playground | assessed Dec 18 | completed by Feb 19 |
| Staff toilet repairs | assessed Dec 18 | completed by Jan 19 |
| Flaking paint and damp in Rm7 | assessed Dec 18 | completed by Jan 19 |
| Repair climbing wall | assessed Dec 18 | completed by Jan 19 |
| Strip, sand, varnish hall floor | | Summer 2019 |
| Condition of Room 17 | | new item – tbc |

Head Teacher's Report - Mrs Aileen Wilson

Mrs Wilson shared Mrs Smith's HT report.

Staffing has mainly remained the same, although Mrs Gillian Bell returned from maternity leave in November. Mrs Kathryn Macpherson will be taking a short career break in Dec/Jan and will return as P5 (job-share) teacher in Feb. Mrs Templeton will cover this absence.

Update on School Improvement Plan

Health and Wellbeing – all staff have started training in nurture principles, including Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) and attachment. Some funding has been used this session to create a professional reading library for staff. All classes have a Class Charter and some are piloting different

systems for promoting positive behaviour. A staff working group are creating progressive skills lessons for P1-7 and are going to visit Torrance Primary to share good practice.

Maths – all classes now using updated planners, some classes are piloting new strategies including Number Talks and Numicon. SEAL strategies are being used across the stages to ensure depth of understanding. Classes are using fluid groupings and the feedback from parents and pupils has been very positive. Upper school pupils have participated in Maths Challenge (where appropriate).

Interdisciplinary Learning – P4 are piloting enquiry led learning; P6 and P7 are to do this later in the session. P3 are developing enquiry based learning across the curriculum. The staff working group are sharing good practice with St Matthew's Primary.

Cluster work – P5-7 teachers have worked with Modern Lang department at Bearsden Academy to plan a block of work in Spanish.

Pupil Equity Funding

Continue to employ a teacher 1 day per week to support groups. The Sumdog subscription has been upgraded and now includes access to Spelling support. Additional maths resources have been purchased. Remainder of PEF money has been used for future Nurture Training Approaches for all staff.

Carpets have been replaced in 8 classrooms and have made a huge difference.

Mrs Smith gave an overview of the numerous events and successes pupils have been part of this term. There have been several cross country races and many pupils have been placed in medal positions. The P7 chess team won Gold at a recent competition. 2 pupils were finalists in the Thomas Muir Art Competition. Many pupils achieved a place on the leader board in the recent EDC Sumdog competition. The school has been part of several charity events including Children in Need, EDC Foodbank, Remembrance Day Parade and the toy drive by Birth, Baby and Beyond.

Fundraising Group update - January Morgan-White

January gave the meeting an update on the Fundraising Group activities and finances.

The Family Night was extremely well attended and received very positive feedback, particularly from P1 families new to the school. This event raised approximately £1,500. The Halloween Disco raised approximately £1,500 too and was very successful. The Christmas Fair, Christmas Cards and school calendars are all taking place this month.

The Fundraising Group is in the process of meeting alternative uniform providers and it looks as though the current supplier will change.

EDC electricians have been out to the school in preparation for the kitchen being fitted. No confirmed date as yet but January explained that this would be taking place over weekends with EDC using their own contractors. This should hopefully start soon and be a fairly quick process once underway.

AOB

Chris said that a parent had asked about the school PA system and whether this needs to be upgraded. Mrs Wilson explained that the PA system works really well but sometimes there are issues with some of the microphones. However, these are not that old and this could be sorted by better/alternative batteries. January will contact the suppliers and seek advice on this.

Chris mentioned that when he met with Alan Bauer there was a discussion about whether some of the painting work required in the school could be completed by parent volunteers. There seems to be some scope for this to happen. Chris will find out more information about this and feedback to the Parent Council.

Chris thanked everyone for attending and after the meeting it was agreed that the next meeting of the Parent Council would take place at the school at 7pm on Thursday 24th January 2019.

Signed by:
Date:

Chair BPS Parent Council