

Baljaffray Parent Teacher Council

Meeting **28th May 2024**

Attendees:

Lesley Rodden (Head Teacher)
Elaine Patterson (Deputy Head)
Lynne Parker (Deputy Head)
David McIntosh (Chair)
Kirsten Donaldson (Vice-Chair) (Apology)
Linden Fradet (apology)
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

PTC delighted with the recognition for the school – highest attaining primary school in the local authority. In the Scotsman newspaper.

Events and activities

- Residential trip to Ardmay – huge success
- Birthday concert for the kids
- PTA Spring Fayre – raised over £3,000
- Sports day and health week went well
- New sound system – school bought new ipad to connect
- 50th birthday photograph – PTA will gift to all children
- Whole school photo
- Unicef visit – children interviewed and PTC and teacher interviewed – Rosie Middleton fantastic

Upcoming

- Mural is set to happen – he has been commissioned – Be More Sketchy
- Tree planting – advice from EDC – left it with Sam Burke to procure
- Parent's nights – 4th and 5th June – Police talk on internet safety
- P2 and P3 – Safari Park – early June
- P4 and P5 – Junior Duke of Edinburgh – kids enjoyed it – uptake has been ok – expensive endeavour – maybe assess again if it is worth for next year – reminder out to parents has been helpful
- P1 and P2 groups going up to Mugdock – minibus
- Activism classes – P3 a sponsored walk at Kilmardinney
- 12th and 13th visits to Bearsden – P7 night out

- Leavers Assembly – 25th June
- PTA wanted to fund a treat for the kids – comedy troupe – on the 20th

Staffing / classes

- Mrs Thompson off on maternity
- Ms Stevenson and Ms Logan returning from maternity
- Staffed for 11 classes – capped numbers at P1 – only 1 class of 25
- 23 in area – 2 from placing requests. Have another 8 requests.
- No composite classes. Mrs Lodan will do P1. Other teachers not yet allocated. Not sure if getting 1 or 2 probationers. Of all teachers, most classes will share teachers. Only 3 full timers – rest are all part time. Mrs White – probationer – leaving the school. Really good feedback.
- Meet the teachers – 19th June

Priorities

- Circle framework – EDC priority – circle resources developed by Lothian / Edinburgh – looking at different aspects of school life to encourage inclusion. Looking at physical environment, next year something else
- Year 2 in learning for sustainability. More outdoor learning next year.
- Continuing to raise attainment and reading / writing.
- Big push on school values – code of conduct – crackdown on bad language.
- Behaviour letter – an indication of some issues – some of the younger kids using language that is not appropriate. Repeat policeman coming out for social media / perhaps something on meet the teacher – setting expectations – big focus on respect.

Shelter

- Contractor did huts at Carbeth
- Jim Graham came out from EDC
- What happens next? David McIntosh to send final email to Gavin Haire at EDC.

Session on sexual health

- Teachers now know the resource and know the ones that aren't being used
- A couple of bits of feedback to Ms Parker – P2 weren't too happy on slides – indication of same sex at that young age.

PTC for next year

- Chair (David McIntosh) and Vice Chair (Kirsten Donaldson) both standing down
- Current members left = Gavin Ross, Hazel Dawson, Linden Fradet, Graeme Glen, Emily Dewar, Sharon Middleton
- PTC probably requires 1 or 2 more members
- Chair / Vice-chair for next year required. May be too much of an ask for existing PTA members and existing teachers.
- David McIntosh will issue a final note alongside the minutes of the meeting setting up the discussion for next year