

## **Baljaffray Parent Teacher Council**

**Meeting**                      **28<sup>th</sup> 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
- 50<sup>th</sup> 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 – 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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
- 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> visits to Bearsden – P7 night out

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

### **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 – 19<sup>th</sup> 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