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Attendees (see below)

Meeting 18 March, Baljaffray Academy, Conference room

Topic	Minutes
Present:	Linden Fradet, Hazel Dewar, Indrani Manoharan, Emily Dewar, Mrs Paterson, Mrs Parker Apologies: Mrs Rodden, Florrin Pintilie, Craig Barratt,
Welcome and Intro	All members were welcomed to the Parent Council and apologies were noted above. Florrin Pintilie has advised will step down as he is no longer able to make meetings Monday/tues/weds alternative meetings suggested for next year to make easier for all to attend.
Role of parent council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Represent the views of parents and carers 2. Support the school in its development and improvement plans 3. Provide input into other school matters arising
School update	<p>Mrs Patterson provided the school update:</p> <p>Staff update Mr Fitzsimmons will return After Spring break on phased return Classroom Assistant started this week 22hrs – cathering Smith 12.5 SLA – Helen Valera new appointment Staffing levels are satisfactory at present and tally with SLA hours</p> <p>STEM week with plenty of visitors – Scientists in for the visit Comic Relief this week 21 Mar BSL illustrator also coming in Primary 6's Euroquiz won the full quiz – East Dunbartonshire council schools and will go to Edinburgh for final. Congratulations to the 4 members of the team from the Parent Council P7 – debating event in Douglas Academy and practising for dance festival Ardmay talk for P7 parents is being planned Big walk and wheel – this week Autism acceptance week w/c 31/3 Easter service end of term info – parable keepers – comms have gone out in Sway</p> <p>Clubs at lunchtime and afterschool Basketball and badgemaking clubs are now in place Book club and book bug sessions also</p>

	<p>Reading schools award – reading for pleasure and assemblies for children to spotlight books. Lots of initiatives happening to support including book exchange/mobile library/book recommendations in assembly. 16 criteria linked to 3 actions for evidence. Core award and then silver within 1 year. Would Parent support be required to help the school achieve the award? School are aiming For the silver award. ACTION: LF and ED to speak to parent Nicola Douglas for next year for support.</p> <p>General Pupil reports due before spring break More structured plan for outdoor learning is being considered and planned by Mrs P</p> <p>Staff training Learning through landscapes through loose parts on numeracy based training Feedback from Parent council – loose parts not used enough could more be done. ACTION – Mrs P to discuss loose parts with staff to encourage greater use Mrs Glendinning has done First aid training</p>
Outdoor shelter	<p>The Shelter was signed off as complete on 12 Mar. Thanks to all involved in getting to this milestone. Opening has been held in the past however a new event may be welcome particularly by those former pupils and parents who fundraised and have been unable to benefit from the shelter. Former pupils may welcome a event to celebrate – PTA action to send official invite and take forward accordingly. Funding has been sorted to arrange for bank transfer and will be picked up by the treasurer</p>
Mobile policy	<p>Discussion as follows: No phones in schools would be preferred by Parent council members One page policy by the school to be clear set the messaging Phones are allowed but must be switched off and in bags at all times during the school hours –This is supported by the Council and request to school to communicate this widely. P5 discussion highlighted the live issue and need for stronger guidance ACTION Request and offer from Craig B to set up a session on helping to set limits for parental controls and offer support to parents. ACTION – one page policy and send guidance out at the same time. ACTION - All to add any ideas on routes signposting to advice that offers other support or guidance on controls – eg digital experts/websites</p>
Healthy Eating policy	<p>In response to the amount of unhealthy snacks being seen in school a reminder of the healthy eating policy and guidelines was reissued in the Sway information. Support from the classroom to encourage healthier snacks in support of the healthy eating policy would be welcome. ACTION: School to issue separate communications underlining the policy and restating the sway guidance</p>
PTA update	<p>Funding Valentines disco made £760 profit. Huge credit to Craig Barrat for the online booking system for all PTA events.</p>

	<p>£7k surplus on the account currently and some spending on Circle and classroom improvement and creating inclusive environments and library space. Mural was paid for and pantomime and sound system</p> <p>Gemma's mum making a new backdrop</p> <p>Lighting system has not been well installed – errors noted and controller not operational all now resolved</p> <p>Events</p> <p>Movie night end of the month of Mar</p> <p>BGT in April - auditions next week</p> <p>Spring Fayre in May</p> <p>Issues</p> <p>New Chairperson may be needed for next term and PTA is currently very P5 heavy – ideas needed for new members across the school year. Bring a friend suggestion.</p> <p>ACTION – send any other suggestions to ED for ideas for new members</p>
Last months Action review	<p>ACTION: Special session on this with PC and invite other parents for input – Diversity needs to reach into all aspects of the school practices eg recruitment policies/music/art etc. Encourage others to attend where appropriate – longer meeting may be required Build into May meeting</p> <p>ACTION: G Glen to send details of key person in WASDEC to contact – N Glen may also be able to advise here. Could also do as training – check with Mrs R IManoharan offered support on preparing future materials – particular focus on children from adoption families/languages around families.</p> <p>ACTION – LF to set up separate meeting to gain parental views end May/early June – in progress</p> <p>ACTION: Dentist (HL) offered of support for training in the form of toothbrushing guidance – Hazel L to pick up with Mrs McMan – Complete done 19 Mar</p> <p>ACTION: All to support the school's plea for former pupils to get in touch to engage with the school – to speak with our P7 pupils - complete</p>
AOB	<p>Connect session on Online Safety for families 29 April 8-9pm run by Police Scotland in partnership with Connect. ACTION LF to add details to minutes</p> <p>Next meeting – the council agreed to changed day for the next meeting proposed moving the May one to a Monday @ 7pm change to Monday 19 May. This will be the last meeting of the school year</p>
Close	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further items the meeting was closed.

Membership

- Chairperson Linden Fradet
- Vice Chairperson Hazel Lachlan
- Parent Member Craig Barratt
- Parent Member Emily Dewar
- Parent Member Graeme Glen
- Parent Member Sharon Middleton
- Parent Member Sandeep Pandya



- Parent Member *Gavin Ross*
- Parent Member *Sreenu Vattipally*
- Parent Member *Gary Granger*
- Parent Member *Florin Pintilie*
- Parent Member *Indrani Manoharan*
- Co-opted Member *Rev. Trish Archibald*
- Staff Member (Head Teacher) *Lesley Rodden*
- Staff Member (Depute Head Teacher) *Elaine Paterson*
- Staff Member (Depute Head Teacher) *Lynn Parker*
- Staff Member (Mrs Cowan)