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Attendees (see below)

Meeting 1 Apr 2026, Teams call - postponed from 16 March

Topic	Minutes
<b>Present:</b>	Linden Fradet (Chair), Hazel Lauchlan (Co Chair), Poovi Doraiswamy, Emily Dewar, Gavin Ross, Indrani Manoharan, Fernanda Mcklintock, Mrs Rodden, Mrs Cowan, & Mrs Paterson <b>Apologies:</b> Sandeep Pandya, Craig Barratt, Graeme Glen
Welcome and Introduction	All members were welcomed to the Parent Council and apologies were noted above. • Only two items on the agenda with AOBs provided in advance
HT update	Mrs Rodden has submitted her notice of retirement and all parents and carers notified in writing by the Head of Education at EDC. LF wished to acknowledge, on behalf of the council, our profound gratitude and deep appreciation of Mrs Rodden's unwavering commitment and 20 years dedicated service to Baljaffray Primary.  The Parent Council will be involved in the recruitment process. LF informed the Parent Council that she has spoken with the EDC Head of Education and been advised that the role is being advertised with interview dates being set. Parent council involvement will be channelled through LF. Updates will be provided to the Council on a regular basis and wider parent forum in due course.
School Update (Headteacher Report)	<b>Head Teacher Report March 2026</b> <b>Staffing:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classroom Assistant 22 hrs vacancy –advertised. Closes 1<sup>st</sup> April. Will be filled this session.</li> <li>Paula Orr retiring in June from nursery teacher post. 0.6 post advertised and will be interviewed on 21<sup>st</sup> April.</li> </ul> <b>Grounds</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men Shed have made Two outdoor library boxes, 2 mud kitchens 2 sand pits Bus This has been an amazing resource for our school and they are more than happy to continue to help us in the future. Have offered to run basic skills classes for parents/carers.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Polytunnel will be fitted in June/ July</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <b>Events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>STEM week – STEM ambassadors visiting classes</li> <li>Euroquiz at Douglas Academy children came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place</li> <li>The Thing Debating Event – Douglas Academy - P7s participated in debate. Very successful</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ardmay Talk – Wednesday 10<sup>h</sup> March – preparation for P7 residential</li> <li>• Football and Netball tournaments. Netballers won 😊</li> <li>• P7 Cultural Afternoon celebrating all cultures within our school. 27<sup>th</sup> March – feedback from parents and pupils very positive.</li> <li>• Easter Service 1<sup>st</sup> April</li> </ul> <p><b>Charities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red Nose Day – successful event as always £772 raised</li> <li>• Cake sale organised by P7 pupils raised £200 for RSPCA</li> </ul> <p><b>Awards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading Schools Award – putting in for Silver Award.</li> </ul> <p>Extensive amount of work has been undertaken to encourage a reading culture. Pupil surveys indicate that staggeringly almost all children say they enjoy reading. In response to pupil demand we have purchase a wide selection of graphic novels. We now have a library in the foyer for adults to take books. Class libraries have been enhanced and our school library transformed.</p>
Constitution	<p>The revised constitution was sent to all parents and carers with pupils last month. No comments or feedback has been received so far from the wider forum</p> <p>FM provided comments which will be updated in the final draft. Any other comments to be circulated to LF by end of May.</p> <p>It was decided that members of the Parent Council will attend the Parents Night (3 June) in order to discuss constitution and recruit new members before the AGM. A rota will be required to cover (3-10pm slots). This could be done with the PTA so that both committees are present.</p> <p><b>Action</b> All to share any comments to LF for consolidating into a final version for approval at the AGM</p>
AOB	<p>The following points were discussed:</p> <p>Sweet and food culture – High sweet and sugary foods around key events could be an issue for some children. The committee discussed the need to balance this in the school with healthy alternative snacks always being available (eg fruit offered as standard) other snacks could also start to be introduced eg crisps less sugar content. Fair trade fortnight could also be extended to include organic foods to educate children there too.</p> <p>Frequency of charity events and bake sales potential to put pressure on parents and carers as perceived as compulsory – the Committee discussed this and were also informed that these events are pupil led. Not all proposals are actioned. The committee felt sufficient communications is put out to stress donations are optional.</p> <p>Language on the pitch – all pupils are required to sign a code of conduct when playing on the pitch. Any misbehaviour or inappropriate language results in a ban for a period of time.</p>
Close	Thanks to all attendees. Next meetings as follows:



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mon May 18 2026 @ 7pm - note changed from a Tues, in person Bearsden academy</li></ul>
Action List to discuss next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Request to discuss Health and Safety in the Playground – topic to be discussed more fully in future meeting cf to May</li><li>○ Request to discuss School Photographs</li></ul>

### Membership

- Chairperson Linden Fradet
- Vice Chairperson Hazel Lachlan
- Parent Member Craig Barratt
- Parent Member Emily Dewar
- Parent Member Graeme Glen
- Parent Member Sandeep Pandya
- Parent Member Gavin Ross
- Parent Member Fernanda McKlintock
- Parent Member Indrani Manoharan
- Parent Member Poovi Doraiswamy
- Co-opted Member tbc
- Staff Member (Head Teacher) Lesley Rodden
- Staff Member (Depute Head Teacher) Elaine Paterson
- Staff Member (Mrs Pandy)
- Staff Member (Mrs Cowan)