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Attendees (see below)

Meeting 14 Sep 2026, in person

Topic	Minutes
Present:	Linden Fradet (Chair), Hazel Lauchlan (Co Chair), Poovi Doraiswamy, Emily Dewar, Gavin Ross, Graeme Glen, Fernanda Mcklintock, Mrs Manson, Mrs Cowan, & Mrs Paterson, Joanne Marr, Parvizi Roghaieh & Nicola Glen Apologies: Sandeep Pandya, Indrani Manoharan, Rev Alan McKay and Michelle Brown
Welcome and Introduction	All members were welcomed to the Parent Council and apologies were noted above. A special warm welcome was made to Mrs Manson and new PCC members; namely Joanne Marr, Nicola Glen and Pari Roghaieh who joined meeting in person and two additional members (Rev Alan McKay and Michelle Brown co-opted community member and EYC representative respectively) sending their apologies.
Role of the PCC	LF restated the aims of the PCC to represent the views of the parent forum, work in partnership with the school and be a link between the school and the local community. All members are invited to share their views, ideas and raise any issues through the PCC. The PCC wish to help the school in providing the best possible experience for pupils in the school.
HT special update	Mrs Paterson has submitted her notice of retirement. LF wished to acknowledge, on behalf of the PCC, deep appreciation of Mrs Paterson's unwavering commitment and dedicated service to Baljaffray Primary and Early Years Centre. She has been a pivotal member of the PCC. The Parent Council Chair will be involved in the recruitment process and updates provided in due course.
School Update (Headteacher Report)	Mrs M summarised the first few weeks and very positive start to year including: 1. Self evaluation; children, all staff 2. Consultation with parents Achievements and Successes to date ACEL data 25 – 26 – to be provided House captain announcements Beehives (leadership committees) Teaching and Learning Visits to classes this week as well as planned L and T QA Curriculum development; CIC Staffing (in addition to above Depute announcement) P5/6 temporarily covered as Mrs McLean planned absence – cover Mrs Hepburn Michelle Brown appointed full time (EYC) Recruitment School Improvement Plan TBD at a future meeting; draft covers Writing; Stephen Graham Area of pedagogy; TBC

	Environment (Inclusive CIRCLE) LA; Trauma and Dyslexia Health and Wellbeing Attendance; whole school rate as of Friday 11th September = 97% HWB committee; Mrs Cowan Healthy Eating Position Statement (subcommittee) Dates for the Diary – all will feature in Mrs Manson’s monthly newsletter MacMillan, Visible Fictions, Parent/Carer night, Bikeability, Christmas Show, Scottish Opera, The Thing, P7 Residential Actions • M Manson will circulate glow form for quantitative data; option for follow up drop in • M Manson will include dates up until end of Dec in next newsletter
Focus topics	Homework – discussion held around the school’s approach & communication around home learning and general understanding of parents as to what was expected. Mrs Manson stressed there needs to be a clear link between the purpose and outcomes of any home learning as the resources to implement are significant. Some members commented that home learning sets children up for secondary school. The PCC welcomed the recent House Captain speech challenge which children worked on at home. The committee will review the position paper produced and updated following the discussion Actions • M Manson send Learning at Home position statement to parents and carers alongside the form • M Manson will seek views on homework in glow form Equality, Diversity and Inclusion - The PCC discussed this topic during the last school year and were keen to have an update on progress. An Audit (equality impact assessment) is required and some practices are already in place, anti racist training for all staff, visual and inclusive welcome area. Mrs M wants the school to have windows and mirrors for all children (eg children’s own experiences and backgrounds reflected in materials, activities and visitors). The PCC encouraged the school to ensure children are receiving critical thinking skills and online safety. This could come from new topics and group work which is built with ED&I at its core. Other Action • M Manson will ensure all P7 parents and carers are notified about the residential (dates and cost) before end of week (offer payment option)
PTA	ED updated the PCC on recent activity of the Chippy Hike and success in numbers of attendees and profit. Full programme of PTA events and dates including Halloween disco, Xmas Fayre will be available on the Baljaffray calendar: www.Baljaffray-pta.com/calendar
Close	Thanks to all attendees. Next meeting will be on Wed 18 Nov 7pm in Bearsden Academy



Membership

- Chairperson Linden Fradet (P7)
- Vice Chairperson Hazel Lachlan (P4 and P7)
- Parent Member Emily Dewar (P7)
- Parent Member Poovi Doraiswamy (P3)
- Parent Member Graeme Glen (P7)
- Parent Member Fernanda McKlintock (P2 and P7)
- Parent Member Indrani Manoharan (P6 and P7)
- Parent Member Sandeep Pandya (P4 and P7)
- Parent Member Gavin Ross (P3, P5 and P7)
- Parent Member Joanne Marr (P1)
- Parent Member Nicola Glen (P7)
- Parent Member Parvizi Roghaieh (P7a and P7b)
- Co-opted Member Rev Allan McKay
- Staff Member (Head Teacher) Michelle Manson
- Staff Member (Depute Head Teacher) Elaine Paterson
- Staff Member (Principal Teacher) Jane Cowan