

St John The Baptist Primary School Parent Council

Meeting



AGM - 1st September 2025

Attendees

- Mrs Currie
- Kelly Weir
- Kevin Smith
- Angela Hoey
- Father Ivan
- Ruth Mellor
- Jordan Phillips
- Emma Gartshaw
- Christina Denham
- Fiona Vornic
- Jane Hassan
- Mrs McNulty
- Deborah Quinn
- Helen Darroch
- James Quinn
- Councillor Maureen Devlin
- Councillor Kenny McCreary
- Miss Parker
- Mrs Clark

Apologies

- Caroline Kane
- Claire McGraw

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Chairperson report

- Kevin discussed the overall meeting notes and key aspects of the parent council. He also discussed the impacts of school day and new opportunities that have been set up (no mobile phone). The development of the playground and why the impact of this can have real positive impacts on outdoor learning was also mentioned and that it would be important to look at ways to continue this in the new calendar year, including partnerships with grow Uddingston and MenShed.

- Look at ways to include others.
- Fundraising is a big impact for the school and has always been successful. Kevin detailed the use of funds to help school for resources as seen fit.
- Summer Fete has changed in the setup, as a solo project this year however there may be opportunities to revisit these ties.
- Easy Fundraising can also help create additional funds so always worth promoting this to all parents again this year.
- School Improvements discussed. Mentioned MUGA pitch, which was due to be improved, however this has now went silent, and may be worth pursuing further.
- Financially, mentioned different ways to help enhance reading schemes and musical equipment within the school.
- Finally, Kevin and Kelly wanted to thank everyone for their support and wish everyone well in the new year and in new roles.

Treasurer's Finance Report

Helen advised the starting balance of just over £5000 and the three main fundraisers, the charity night, easy fundraising and the summer fete.

Discussed the main outgoings and how much. Kelly, Kevin and Helen are the current signatories which will need to be updated with the new roles.

This year should be much easier to track and monitor with the digital set up, and another person being involved for security purposes would be helpful.

Kevin mentioned that it may be worth getting the books audited. It was also mentioned that having a Sum Up machine for next year's fete.

Mrs Currie

Key message of a partnership with the staff to help work together. There is always support available within the staff for anyone thinking of taking a role. And a thank you for creating a positive atmosphere and ethos.

Formal resignation of roles for 24/25.

Nominations of Chairperson

Angela Hoey nomination

Chrissy Denham seconded

Nominations of Vice Chair

Claire McGraw nomination

Jane Hasson seconded

Current Treasurer, Helen Darroch and Secretary, Deborah Quinn willing to remain in their respective role.

Emma Gartshaw happy to support Helen in role when required.

Head Teacher Report

- New Director of Education in role, with positive first impressions and looking for stability after a busy period.
- Mentioned kitchen is now fully functional and working, making life much easier for all.
- The roof is looking good so far, and the pitch is being actively chased up to see a latest update on when this may be started.
- The nursery will have a canopy installed to help for pupils to get ready when outside/inside and an additional one at the front for parents waiting.
- Discussed the new priorities for 25/26.
- Curriculum evening will give an opportunity to share and showcase new learning and structures that are in place such as Active Literacy.
- The school role has changed from 339 to 331 which has reduced classes by one.

PEF funding

- Mrs Clark discussed a parent/pupil discussion that will take place to look at which ways some of the PEF funding will be used
- Asked for volunteers to discuss with pupils for an hour between 2-3pm on 22nd Sept.
- Jordan Phillips able to support.

Attachment

- Mrs McNulty discussed meeting needs of pupils for attachment, she is looking to complete, to do this she is looking for a group to work with the pupils on an ongoing basis to see how pupils can help feel supported within the culture of the school.
- This can be done at a time that suits parents.
- Chrissy Denham and Fiona Vornic offered to support.

Smartphone Free Childhood

- Looking for new members in our team,
- Some new parents have already signed up to have pupils not have a mobile phone within primary school.
- Possibly looking to expand their presence into the nursery to help early engagement.
- Question asked about informal learning for parents in terms of the dangers of iPad/phones. Possibly revisit this for parents,
- Ruth mentioned there is a WhatsApp group for updates.
- Another request to add the Padlet onto the school website, which would make updates quicker and easier.

Summer Fete

- Helen mentioned possibility of a new sub-group for next year, which she can share the details for each stall as required.
- It gives opportunity to involve others with planning.
- Feedback that within our own school it was able to allow pupils to feel more confident and great links with the parish.
- It had a great community feeling.

Use of Parent Council Funds

- Discussed potential of buying new books to help facilitate over new reading schemes.
- Question on swimming lessons for primary 5, the issue being the cost of the buses. The lessons are manageable however the costs of the buses are causing more issues towards the cost of the school day. Going ahead this year however will need to be revisited at the end of the year to see if it is viable.
- Question of a leaver's hoodie funding again this year?

Costs of School Day Policy Development

- Cost of school day Padlet is updated
- Swimming discussed and potentially doing different fundraisers to help with school trips.
- Question about primary 5 potentially doing their own fundraising for swimming lessons.

AOB

- Father Ivan informed that Raymond will be working within the school to support with primary 6 and 7s mainly on Pope Francis Award and also engaging with Holy Cross.
- Parking at the school gates was also mentioned with some complaints from residents. Mrs Currie will update the website (again) and also make contact to get the zig zag lines repainted to help.
- Celebrating Neurodiversity, Homework and Google classroom – carry to next meeting so person who raised has an opportunity to chat through these points.

Meetings for 2025:

3rd Nov 6.30pm

12th Jan 6.30pm

9th March 6.30pm

18th May 6.30pm