



St. John the Baptist Primary School

Parent Council Minutes

23 January 2023

Present	Kevin Smith Carolanne McNulty Marie Beacom Martin Kane Fiona Vornic Craig Wilson Councillor Devlin Councillor McCreary Kelly Weir Jane Hassen Jennifer McKerrall Helen Darroch Stephanie Scarafile Ashleigh McEwan (student teacher)
Apologies	Anne McCluskey Mhairi Devitt John Devitt Caroline Kane Laura Layden Karen Cushley Anne McCluskey
Minutes	
1.	Welcome and Introductions
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting- 7 November 2022
	Correction required to: a. Attendees – Councillor Devlin should be noted as an apology. b. Finance report – total funds at £658.81 Otherwise agreed.
3.	Head Teacher's Report/Update
	<p>Nursery – all children are now enrolled and the nursery is at maximum occupancy.</p> <p>School Lottery – MB consulted with Bothwell Primary colleagues who had previously considering establishing a school lottery. They elected not to proceed due to concerns about encouraging gambling.</p> <p>Building Adaptations – Proposal 1 - extension and kitchen upgrade six week programme with meals brought in from Muiredge Primary during the four week period before Easter.</p> <p>Proposal 2- further extension to existing extension to create additional space with work undertaken during the summer holidays. Work to be</p>

	<p>funded by Scottish Government as part of the extension of the provision of free school meals.</p> <p>Supported Study – sessions are now being offered to pupils in P1-P7 with priority given to those in SIMD 1 and 2, those in receipt of free school meals and those who would benefit from participation. Letters have been issued to all parents/carers with targeted follow up phone calls as appropriate. Lessons will run for four weeks.</p> <p>Active School After School Clubs – The school is widening the variety of clubs offered post covid. Pupils are offered taster sessions across a range of sports including rugby (with Muiredge Primary), cricket and hockey. The school is hoping to establish a football team for P3 children with the support of a parent. Deacon Colm has indicated he will run a football club for P4 and P5.</p> <p>World of Work Week – World of Work Week was huge success in both the school and nursery. A large variety of visitors participated including the fire service (with fire engine), police, a yoga teacher, the Dog's Trust and a mechanic amongst others. A job fair took place for P6 and P7 children with various stalls set up. The range of participants included Tunnocks (who provided a biscuit for every child), a vet, a graphic designer, Active Schools, a Celtic charity, a musician and a football coach. Tickets to a Scotland game were raffled as part of the day. Pupils will complete a self-evaluation which will assess the child against the relevant Curriculum for Excellence benchmarks.</p>	
3.	Finance Report	
	<p>Update provided by KW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds at £681 at November. • Easy Fundraising cheque from November spend to be added to this (£15.78). A further cheque from Easy Fundraising from spend in December is anticipated. 	
4.	Fundraising Sub-Group Family Night 28 January	
	<p>Update provided by sub-group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-group met with staff at Tannochside Miners club to confirm arrangements. • 141 tickets sold to date. • Given cost pressures currently felt by families the sub-group carefully considered price of tickets and felt the price was in line with similar evenings and would allow a small profit to be made. • The evening will include a DJ, face painting, ceilidh music, a sweet stall, bingo, football board, party games and a possible Burns day performance from children. • Sub-group to attend venue 1-3pm for setup on the day. <p>Parent Council members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the need for schedule of events for the evening and parent helper roles; • Confirmed arrangements for ensuring sufficient cash/change; • Agreed appropriate pricing for various activities; • Agreed to undertake lessons learned following the event; and • Agreed to seek donations from local supermarkets. 	
5.	Summer Fete 2023	

	<p>KS provided update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muiredge Primary Parent Council are keen to collaborate. • A joint meeting will take place in February. • Conversations are ongoing about a suitable date, need to ensure this doesn't clash with other events i.e. coronation/ first communion masses etc. • Expecting venue to be Uddingston Grammar. • The event will require significant preparation and planning with many volunteers needed. 	
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6.	A.O.C.B	
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	<p>School lottery – the group discussed views on establishing a lottery for fundraising purposes. The group did not wish to discount the possibility at this stage and agreed to explore further.</p> <p>British Gas grant – potential to apply for grant funding but may require the Parent Council to be set up as a registered charity. Further work needed to explore this.</p> <p>Funding aims – the school would like to invest in additional digital technology (chrome books and ipads). Fundraising generated at family night will go towards this aim.</p> <p>Football pitch- the football pitch requires to be replaced. The group discussed the significant costs involved and the difficulty in getting the work agreed by the council due to budget pressures. The replacement has been required, and has been recognised by the council, for some time but no funds have been allocated to progress the work.</p> <p>The group also discussed the lack of football facilities in the Uddingston and Bothwell area more generally, particularly that there are no pitches available after 6pm as the floodlights at Uddingston Grammar cannot be used after this time. Parent Council members expressed concern and frustration at the lack of facilities in general, the aging facilities at St John's and the inability to get council funds agreed. The group agree that the Chair will write to the South Lanarkshire Head of Education to raise our concerns. Any further action needed by the group will be discussed and agreed at the next meeting.</p>	
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7.	Date of Next Meeting	
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	<p>Due to clashes with other events the dates of the next two meetings require to be changed.</p> <p>The next meetings will now take place on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 13th March (changed from original date of 6th March) • Monday 15th May (changed from original date of 8th May) 	
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