



Parent Council

**Minutes of Parent Council Meeting
held on Thursday 15th November 2018**

Present: Louise Moir, Sara Simpson, Sharan Brindle, Lizzie MacLean, David Hodgson
Apologies: Claire McGruer, Lynsay Boyle, Laurianne Sellar, Jane Campbell, Judith Whitelaw
In Attendance: Tracey Fraser-Lee, Head Teacher

1.	<p><u>MINUTES</u></p> <p>The minutes approved of the Parent Council Meeting held on 20th Sept 2018.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Actions / Matters Arising from Previous meeting</u></p> <p>New School Head Teacher has met with Margaret Davidson and Helen Carmichael</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a hold on Council spending • A phone system to connect the current school buildings has been promised but not delivered • They were positive about including the new school on the next Capital budget • Have assisted in the preparation of a letter to Andrew Baxter of the Care, Learning and Housing committee <p>School Garden Has been in great condition, with good crops. Now winding down for winter</p> <p>School Website (ward funding) Funds have now been fully allocated. And will be tracked as maintenance and support money goes out regularly.</p> <p>Porridge – Auditions held 4th October went well</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Acting coach coming to school to work children – Whole school to be involved making costumes / scenery / song – Gala committee have provided £300 To be used to print programmes P7s are preparing the program – P7 to run Raffle for Lagganlia trip – tickets will be £3 adult £2 child are being subsidised by the Lydia Michael Trust who provided funding for the production 	

	<p>P7 Hoodies Slips are out to parents Hoodies will cost £14:95 each It's hoped that they will be available for the start of next term</p>	
4.	<p><u>Head Teacher Report</u> - See below</p>	
5.	<p><u>Treasurers Report</u> Current Balance - £4403.84 There is an outstanding check of £20 paid to Highland Council for renewal of the raffle licence. Therefore working balance of £4383.84</p>	
6.	<p><u>Fundraising</u> Christmas wrap a present to be run on Friday 14th December 12:00 – Judith, Laurianne, Gillian and Susi volunteered</p> <p>Christmas cards – The sale of Christmas Cards has raised £436 for the school funds. Orders are all in and the school is waiting the arrival of the cards</p> <p>Bingo Night – Friday 8th February – Hall to be booked 18:00-21:00 – Isobel to source machine</p> <p>School Movie trip in Muir Hub is not an option. Travelling there and back became too complicated with train/bus times.</p>	
7.	<p><u>AOB</u> School Photos – have been taken and look great. – Proof will be available to parents from next week</p> <p>School Facebook page This was discussed as a means of providing information to parents No decision was made</p>	
8.	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING -</u> Thursday 24th January 2019 – 7.00pm It was recognised that there was a low turn out and the decision was made to give Thursday nights one more go and if there was similarly low turn out meetings would be moved to an alternate night.</p>	

4. Head Teacher Report

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- Homework
- There is an ongoing review of homework policy...
- feedback from the Parents Questionnaire completed at parents evening
 - respondents were very much in favour of Monday to Friday,
 - the majority felt amount of home work was correct,
 - felt that it added value to children's learning,
 - helps develop independent work,
 - reinforces learning
 - helps inform parents of learning and how to support their child's progress

 - one or two parents don't see the benefit of home work
- Pupil Council have gathered pupils views
 - majority were in favour of Mon-Fri,
 - older pupils think too much homework given out,
 - most like online or practical games and activities,
 - majority enjoy when parents help,
 - majority felt it gave them less time to do other things out with school
 - surprisingly 28% (across all stages) get upset when they have to do home work
 - Daily Ten
 - Some parents have raised concerns about the Daily Ten
 - The children are encouraged to take part and most enjoying it
 - They are not forced to take part,
 - if tired they are given the option of slowing down/walking
 - The focus is on improving fitness and mental health
 - From Self Evaluations
 - most keen to improve amount of laps
 - how they feel at end
 - During colder weather/ice/snow there are possible safety issues
 - We will still have a Daily Ten of exercise but this may be inside
 - dance, youtube programmes, e.g. Go Noodle
- Curriculum Rationale
 - We will be developing this with all partners
 - What is unique about Beaulieu? what is at the heart of our learning?
 - What do parents want from the curriculum at Beaulieu
 - The parent Council were asked to complete the four contexts sheet.

- Pupil Equity Fund
 - PSAs attended Nurture Training through Psychological Services and will be working with targeted pupils to build self-esteem, self-control, social skills.
 - PSAs to work with small groups of pupils on baking activities to build self-esteem and also as a reward for good behaviour. The school has bought a new cooker to support this.
 - Active Play sessions for P2-P6 with HWB Development Officer – There will be 10 sessions for each class, working to support pupils to build resilience and support each other in play situations
 - There will be a variety of adult led and free play activities
 - P6 pupils will be taking this forward, and leading sessions during two lunch times per week
 - -Teachers attended training on relaxation techniques with the view to using some strategies in class to support mental wellbeing and help prepare pupils to be ready to learn.
 - Money has been used to transform the CCR room to allow for group work and a 'chill out' space for pupils as well as a more informal space to meet with parents
 - We will be arranging a few mornings to pop in and chat about school improvement or any other issues
 - Andy McKechnie from Jammin' Fitness is to work with some senior pupils on leadership, positive mental and physical health, relaxation and positive self-esteem
 - There will be a workshop and sharing event with parents
 - Art Club we will continue this
 - Places are to be available for targeted pupils as well as open to other pupils from school
 - Art club has been extremely popular and is booked up for rest of year
 - The Art club is working on Porridge backdrops at moment and art work around school