



Blackwood Primary School & ELC Parent Council

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BLACKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of AGM Meeting – Wednesday 28th August 2024

Present

Wendy Thomson (P3/7), Laura Watt (P7), Jo McGuigan(P4/7), Christine McMillan, Jenny Bowman, Ruth Colquhoun, Erin Illingworth, Kimberley Miller (P2), Emma McGeachie (P5/7), Susan Wayt (P7), Lynsey Clark (P5), Chloe Semple (P2), Sainie Hobchell (P2/3), Cllr Ross Lambie, Donna Neeson (P7), Tori Summerville (P7)

Apologies

Lisa Tweed, Viv Colquhoun, Ross Gowland, Claire Black, Joanne Mills

Head teachers report

Thanks:-Thanks to the Parent Council for your continued support of the school and myself during my absence last session. Your thoughtfulness was much appreciated.

A huge thanks to our office bearers who step down tonight after 3 years in their post ...

Chair – Wendy Thomson

Secretary – Lisa Tweed

Treasurer – Jo McGuigan

Christine presented flowers to them and words of thanks.

Presentation – The Year Ahead!

(Appendix 1)

Staffing and Classes

- Operating at 15.9 FTE (Last year 17.4 FTE)
- We are operating 9 mainstream classes, 2 supported classes and our ELC. Our school roll is 229 and our ELC will be 50
- Mrs Waugh has gone on maternity leave. Mrs Canning (PT) and Mrs Henderson are on maternity leave, and will return at some point during the school year.
- Miss Muir joins our staff in Primary 4. Mrs Bryson (0.5FTE) joins our ELC. Ms Halladay (0.4 FTE) and Mrs Meikle (0.6FTE) join our SSA team

School Improvement Plan – See SIP on a Page!

(Included in Appendix 1)

Participatory Budget: In the region of £3000. Parents and Pupils will get the opportunity to allocate this spend this term. Previous spends include indoor SNUG & playground games

Ongoing :-

- Forest Schools at P6 & Bikeability at P6
- Swimming at P5
- Bikeability at P6
- Masterclasses at P7 & P6
- Maths Week Scotland – 23rd -29th September
- Fairtrade Fortnight – 2nd – 15th September

Parent Council Presentation

(included in Appendix 1)

Election of Committee

Chair – currently Wendy Thomson, who has completed her full 3 years, so we now need to nominate a new chair. Emma McGeachie was nominated to take on the role of chair, and they accepted.

- Proposed by Jo McGuigan
- Seconded by Wendy Thomson

Vice Chair – currently Laura Watt, who has completed 2 years, so is able to complete a third year if there are no objections or any new nominations. (Laura will remain as vice-chair.)

- Proposed by Kimberley Miller
- Seconded by Susan Wayt

Treasurer – currently Jo McGuigan, who has completed her full 3 years, so we now need to nominate a new treasurer. Donna Neeson was nominated to take on the role of treasurer, and they accepted.

- Proposed by Susan Wayt
- Seconded by Laura Watt

Secretary – Currently Lisa Tweed, who has completed her full 3 years, so we now need to nominate a new secretary. Kimberley Miller was nominated to take on the role of secretary, and they accepted.

- Proposed by Laura Watt
- Seconded by Emma McGeachie

Lisa Tweed has offered to continue to help the new office bearers by looking after the bonus ball and continuing with the social media work.

Correspondence

Prior to the meeting, Lisa advised of all correspondence that had come in since the last meeting.

- The Hall Let confirmation for tonight's meeting was received
- We had a lovely email from Alyson Bennie; *"Thank you very much for the beautiful flowers I received today. It was very kind of you all and added to the emotion of the week that I'm just about coping with. It has been great to work with you all and I'm going to miss everyone from Blackwood so much. Have a great summer when it comes. Thank You, Alyson"*

Treasurer's report

Jo gave us the financial update for the full year of 2023/24 with an opening balance of £6706.82.

Income

- Co-ordination group £350
- Easy Fundraising £482.16
- Donation from Ross Lambie £150
- Windfarm Grant £4865
- Bonus balls £1414
- Glow sticks £52
- Total income £7313.16

Outgoings

- Forest School £130
- Halloween party £279.39
- Sumdog subscription £887
- Sumdog trophy / pencils £119.04
- Lottery license £20
- Windfarm grant to nursery £4865
- Sympathy flowers £40
- P7 Leavers hoodies £236
- P7 Leavers gifts (pens) £54.90
- Science Centre trip (bus contribution) £210
- Science centre to visit school £360
- Christmas treats £164.76
- Sports tops £439.35
- Mrs Bennies flowers £44.99
- Piper £50
- Total outgoings of £7900.43

This gives us a closing balance of £6119.55

Any other business

Halloween

- School and Pupils to decorate hall etc for Halloween if PC supports with requests
- Emma asked about another costume swap, possibly advertise at Parents Night

School 150th Anniversary is in 2025

- Christine still to find out exact dates etc from historical records

Ross Lambie

- Jo asked about 2025/26 SLC schools holiday still not being approved. Ross will try find out
- Safe walking route review to take place over next few weeks - Ross as always will keep us up to date
- Budget talks start again in October which Ross thinks will be similar to last year

Flu Jags

- Will take place on 25th Sept and a letter will be sent to parents asap

Parents night

- 10th October

SumDog

- Parent Council were asked if they would fund it again this year for all pupils, this is predicted to be £907 this year

Playground bins

- The parent council have been asked to fund some bins for the playground
- Christine will investigate this with the house captains

P7 hoodies

- Hoping to get the hoodies ordered for December, so that they can be worn during the rest of the school year
- Parent Council have been asked to assist with the funding of these again
- Last year, the Parent Council paid one bonus ball draw (£59) per 10 pupils

Parent Council

The constitution for the parent council was reviewed and updated. Further discussion took place on increasing parent representation and participation in the PC.

In the first instance a PC representation will be set up for parents' night to encourage and inform the wider parent forum.

Dates of meetings

Wednesday 2nd October (School office)

Wednesday 27th November (Online)

Wednesday 12th February (Online)

Wednesday 7th May (School office)

Blackwood Parent Council 2024/2025 –

Emma McGeachie (Chair), Laura Watt (Vice-Chair), Donna Neeson (Treasurer), Kimberley Miller (Secretary)

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