



St. John the Baptist Primary School

Parent Council Minutes

19 February 2024

Present	Kevin Smith (chair) Kelly Weir (treasurer) Craig Wilson Carolanne McNulty (DHT) Mhairi Devitt (secretary) John Devitt (vice chair) Ruth Mellor Margaret Clark (DHT) Cath Currie (HT) Fiona Vornic Jane Hasson Angela Hoey	
Apologies	Stephanie Scarafile, Jennifer McKerrall, Councillor Dempsey, Councillor Devlin, Ros Horne (Principal Teacher) and Father Ivan	
Minutes		
1.	Welcome and Introductions	
	Kevin lead introductions and noted apologies.	
2.	Head Teacher's Report/Update	
	<p>School Inspection – the information obtained from the inspection is not allowed to be shared at this stage but the verbal feedback in a general sense was that the kids were great and the inspectors were really pleased. It was a tiring time but the team felt it was fair and well planned out with a very professional approach. The staff felt they had a chance to have their say and respond well to questions that were asked etc. The school just has to wait for the final report to be issued. The report goes to Cath first and then once agreed with SLC etc this is shared with parents, this should be around Easter time. Once this is all done Cath then goes to an Education services committee at SLC council chamber to present the report but this will take place be after Easter.</p> <p>Staff – a new member of staff was appointment, Louise Parker, who will take the place of the Deputy Head along side Margaret Clark. This will work on 3 days as a class teacher and two days as a Deputy whom will also be responsible for Class Contact Commitment taking over from Miss Bradley and Mrs Vanini, Miss Bradley is leaving, she was a supply teacher but is being transferred to Our Lady & St Anne's. This arrangement will be in place until summer break. There are on the horizon proposed council staffing cuts but at the minute this is a grey area but they have put forward that they cannot change class sizes / teacher numbers but they have proposed changes to the staffing arrangements. This will potentially be a reconfiguration process once the Council have</p>	Ets -

agreed budgets for the year going forward. This would potentially mean greater pressure on the current teachers and would affect additional support but at this stage its not known to what level. Support assistance is something they will find hard to sustain. Furtherinfo can be shared one SLC set their budget.

Building Works – these are still on track to complete in March and at the moment we have moved lunches into gym hall which is working well, the kids have been great the past few days as the school is slightly noisy with the laying of floors etc. The works so far makes the place feel bigger and looks bigger, there is more cupboard space so there is more space and storage space. The GP room remains the same but there will be an extra area to be used which we never had before. The builders are trying to fix previous leaks etc so this is being worked on also. There is water coming in dinner hall but the staff room has no more leaks and this seems to have been sorted after various conversations back and forward to modernisation team. There is a team coming out next week to do a site visit and we have applied for funding to do a proper fix over the summer they may think the windows are an issue. This is still ongoing at the moment,

MUGGA – this is held up until decisions are made on other funding regarding approval etc but hopefully this should be resolved early in the new year to allow the project to go ahead to replace the surface of the pitch. Van Sinclair is planning to visit to see what’s what and what is needed.

Nursery Clyde Terrace – this on track to open in August with the builders hand over taking place in April, this gives them time to get ready and our nursery will go back to our the original numbers. The nursery children will need to come into the school as the works to the cabin won’t take place until after summer and this will take too long so the kids will be in the school come August for a while until the works are finished.

P1 Enrolment - there are 32 catchments registered, 10 placing requests with 42 kids in total. This depends whether placing requests are granted or not. A new number of families across the school have joined us with our current count role sitting at 332 kids (excluding nursery kids). It will be April/May before placement request are confirmed and at that point we will know how many kids we have. Enrolment for nursery will be minimal due to the fact that them being in school as August starts.

Parent Portal – this is going well with parent portal now signed up to 254 linked in the school – 76% pupils and 80% parents are now signed up and this is doing well with moving forward with to google classroom – this is a great going forward.

Katie Reilly from Active Sports has approached and as if possible could sponsorships be applied for for for tracksuits for the kids when attending events for team sports - could this be looked at perhaps some funding sourced to get these. When they are turning up at events other schools have them and it looks really good. – see action below under uniform.

3.	Finance Report	
	It was an idea that Summer fete funds could be used to supply tracksuits or what is required for outings etc that the school is attending. This could be further discussed.	

	<p>There are various funding ie micro funding available – this will be looked at and applied for as funding was granted for the summer fete. Also the Men Shed is in the pipeline to help as well.</p> <p>£1662.47 – this is the current balance.</p> <p>The family fun night raised £1,231.50 after all accounts were paid etc.</p>	
4.	Fundraising – Summer Fete	
	<p>Family fund night was hailed a great success everyone enjoyed it.</p> <p>Summer fete planning has resumed with provisional date set for 18th June with Muiredge Primary – volunteers required to assist organisation, night before event and day of event. Muiredge parent Organisers have agreed to follow same format as 2023 lead by us with their support and we will reciprocate support this year. Kevin and Kelly have attended first planning meeting already.</p>	
5.	AOCB	
	<p>Option of exploring alternative & locally based School clothing (logo) supplier discussed following suggestion from some parents to parent council members and chair. HT supports opportunity to explore this option, consensus reached that a local supplier would be good given issues highlighted with supplier based in Stirling. – Kevin will take forward with School management team & feedback at meeting in March.</p> <p>Supply of sport kit for School teams will also be explored.</p> <p>Parent Council member enquired re development of painting work & mural in underpass – no further information available at this time.</p> <p>Cost of School day – photographer costs raised by parent council member – HT will explore options with Maureen Bell photography and feedback at next meeting.</p>	
6.	Date of Next Meeting	
	<p>The times have changed to 6.30 till 7.30</p> <p>Monday 11th March 2024 Monday 20th May 2024</p>	