



Minutes of Burnside Parent Council

AGM & Zoom Meeting Wednesday 16th September 2020

In attendance: Ashley Little, Carol Nugent, Cate Smith, Debbie Connor, Eugenie Aroutcheff, Fiona Adamson, Fiona Midwinter, Fiona Welsh, Gillian Stevenson, Helen McGarvey, Holly Belcher, Julie Hanratty, Julie MacCaskill, Kim Gogarty, Kirsty Martin, Pamela Dick, Richard Tawse, Robert Brown, Ross Kirkwood, Wendy Shaw, Stephen Miller, Claudette Kennedy, Carrie Stroud, Kara Crozer.

Apologies: Kelly Elliott, Neil Millar

Item	Comments	Action
1.	Zoom Meeting Attendance Sheet	

2.	Minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 th August were approved.	
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Matters arising:

A robust conversation arose on the car parking and gathering at the gates issues which had been widely commented on in local Facebook pages. The matter boiled down to 3 main points:

1 – The communications from the school over these matters: while the PC and school feel there has been clear communications on these matters, Helen agreed to resend advice and the schools position to parents.

2 – The comments of people posted on a Facebook page that we (Parent Council) cannot moderate falls outside our remit.

3 – The language used on Parent Council posts is carefully worded and in regards to the issue raised, the language used was in reference to the behaviour of individuals parking, not the persons themselves. In a follow up to this it should be noted that South Lanarkshire Councils own banner at the school reads “Parking near the school entrance is dangerous and selfish”

The council remains a forum for issues to be raised and we welcome involvement from the wider Parent Forum.

3.	AGM	
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Richard offered a review of the previous school year – one which was cut short due to COVID-19. He thanked all members of the Parent Council for their hard work over year and remarked that we “hit the ground running” when we review the events that took place between Aug-Nov last year:

Yoga Night, Little Fix Concert, Quiz night, Halloween Disco and the School Fayre. Along with the Take That night in March, we raised £7,000.

With this, over £5,000 was spent in the following areas: Library, Class Trips, Panto, iPads, Grow 73, Bus for Sports day and P7 Ties/Photos.

For the new School Year 20/21 – a new list of voting members of the Parent council were confirmed, see the end of the minutes for list.

Elections for the Office Bearers were held and the following were elected:

Office Bearers	Nominated	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Fiona Adamson	Richard Tawse	Julie MacCaskill
Vice	Carrie Stroud	Fiona Adamson	Julie Midwinter
Treasurer	Kim Gogarty	Gillian Stevenson	Eugenie Aroutcheff
Clerk	Vacant		
Secretary	Ashley Little	Fiona Adamson	Pamela Dick

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Reports and Upcoming events

Funds and Fundraising

It was highlighted that over the years we’ve been able to build up a reserve fund. Currently the PC have £8k available following the £1k spent on playground equipment. It was agreed that we should aim to ring-fence £5k to protect the FY21/22 school year.

From the previous meeting a sub group met to discuss the fundraising for the coming year. It is proposed to resurrect the 50/50 club, running from Oct, with 9 draws.

It was agreed there needs to be a clear message on what we are raising funds for.

Discussion centred on what the PC should aim to fund this year. Ideas ranged from more outdoor items (Marquees, Awning, and static structures) to items for Christmas such as movie days for the pupils (with PC providing snacks).

CS/EA/FA/
CK/KM/CS

A subcommittee has been formed to look at what can be achieved with the outdoor space.

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Head teachers update

Focus for schools still very much on:-

- HWB – managing safety of pupils and staff
- Continuity of learning – how we ensure the learning of children not in the building (Google Classroom)
- Equity – how we support our children who are disadvantaged

Stonelaw Learning Community focus – transitions and continuity of learning.

Breakfast Club – no update as yet. The challenge is the impact when children are together, outwith class/group bubbles. Challenging to reach practical solutions for test & trace.

Reporting to parents – won't be able to hold parents' evenings. Schools working out best solutions e.g additional reports, follow up calls.

P.E – should be able to begin to resume indoor after October break, all going well.

Playground toys – mostly all in, boxes are being organised for use from next week. Thank you to PC for the £1000 funding of this.

Car Free Zone – programme of action to be developed by end of September, with anticipated implementation date in 2021.

Hoping to have gym indoors following October break

Aiming to have assemblies by year group.

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AOB

The Christmas Window Project was highlighted, School looking into taking part if possible.

Halloween – at the moment nothing planned

Fiona Welsh ask if there were any plans for the P7s to being fundraising for leaving events and activities – as yet there are no plans

7 Burnside Community Council now had a notice board located near the Phonebox/Pharmacy on Stonelaw Road.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 5th October – 7pm – Zoom

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List of Parent Council members:

Cate Smith
Debbie O'Connor
Eugenie Aroutcheff
Fiona Welsh
Gillian Stevenson
Heather Inglis
Holly Belcher
Julie Hanratty
Julie MacCaskill
Kelly Elliot
Kim Gogarty
Neil Millar
Richard Tawse
Ross Kirkwood
Fiona Adamson
Wendy Shaw
Ashley Little
Fiona Midwinter
Pamela Dick
Kirsty Clark
Carrie Stoud
Kara Crozer
Claudette Kennedy