

**Burnside Primary Parent Council Meeting  
Zoom Meeting**

**Monday 7 June 2021**

**19:00 for 19:10 start**

**In attendance:** Aman Ahmed, Fiona Adamson, Fiona Midwinter, Helen, Robert Brown, Wendy Shaw, Ross Kirkwood, Carrie S, Gary Campbell, Julie, Margaret Cowie, Ashley Little, Debbie Conner, Julie MacCaskill, Kelly Elliot, Gillian Kinstrie, Kim Gogarty, Pamela Dick, Eugenie Aroutcheff, Richard Tawse

**Apologies:**

1) **Attendance sheet** completed

2) **Minutes** of the previous sheet approved

3) **Headteacher Update**

- Staff Update - Joanne McClane is the new team leader within support staff we now have a full complement of office staff.
- High no. of staff leaving Mrs Simson, Mr McKenzie, Mrs Lafferty, Mrs Jack, Mrs Jade Muir, Mrs Frazier. We would like to share a big thank you to all members of staff
- High no. of maternity leaves
- Placing request reviews are underway, there are several that are currently outstanding. We are working with teachers to work through them and determine future students.
- There are currently 55 Primary 1 placing requests, this may change over the coming weeks. Letters will be sent to parents by Monday the 31st of June.
- Primary 1 pupils have been invited to an outdoor trip on the 17th of June, there is information available each child will also be given a goody bag.
- Burnside butterfly google classroom is being updated weekly there is a link on the school app and website.
- Primary 7s are on plan to visit Stonelaw High School on the 27th of June
- Full reports will be with parents by the 18th of June this will be very particular, with less additional information and will be precise on working levels and skill development, more information will be released soon.
- Huge thank you to the Parent council and all the parents for their continuous support.

4) **P7 Leavers Update**

- It has been challenging to organise events for the Primary 7 children as cases are increasing in Lanarkshire, there was updated guidance towards the end of May which resulted in some planned events being changed.
- Children have been resilient and are looking forward to all the coming activities
- We have £650 left after purchasing the Primary 7 hoodies which are to be used towards the end of school activity.
- We had a active sports day on the 7th of June this included orienteering followed by athletics and games, general feedback by teachers highlights children's enjoyment with the sports.

- On the 10th of June the champlenenrcy team is coming to encourage and support children on their transition to high school. Two workshops will be carried out these will be full of information and tips.
- On the 14th of June children will visit Stonelaw High, they will be walked up around 13:30. There are roughly 7/8 children per class, the S1 depute is still organising S1 classes. Children will be informed of their two class groups - registration and practical. They will be accompanied by Gary Campbell and will be introduced to their guidance teacher, the children will be walked back to Burnside Primary School to be dismissed at normal school time.
- Hugh thank you to Primary 7 school staff for their continuous support and generosity.
- Quiz morning planned on
- Picnic at Overton Park is allowed as it is close geographically.
- Fiona has secured the Silent Disco, each Primary 7 class will make there own playlist to be played.
- There wasn't a leavers assembly last year, this year's assembly will be recorded and uploaded to the google classroom before the final Thursday, here kids may read a poem and sing a song. Awards will also be presented during assembly.
- Primary 1 may also perform a song as a tribute to the leavers as a thank you for buddying, this will also be recorded and uploaded.
- Big thank you to the Parent Council for funding senior ties for high school.
- Mrs Jack is trying to source pizzas for the Primary 7 leavers party for the Wednesday after the fun run. The fun run will occur in Overton Park.
- The last day (Thursday) - This will be the final goodbye class teachers are organising autographs. Shirt signing will not be allowed due to COVID guidelines, but the school is organising an alternative.

## **5) Uniform Recycling**

- Collection is ongoing of any preloved unused uniform, this may be uniform that was worn this year. Pamela Dick and Ashley Little are organising.
- There is an emphasis on sustainability and eco friendly to encourage parents to donate.
- Planning to start an online shop to allow people access to the uniform that has been donated. Ashley Little identified that the Parent Council website won't support transactions that switch over to a different website. There will also be a monthly fee of £200 to £300 a year the website will allow us to do different things such as online donations and payment, this prevents the hassle of money going to school and paper trails.
- The uniform will be for free on the website but during the checkout section there will be an option to donate to the Parent Council.
- Ashley Little conveyed that if there is a large quantity of uniform it may be difficult to manage laundering and ironing, this is to be further discussed via the facebook page which will also allow contact with parents during the holidays.
- Gary Campbell shared that there is a shop outlet in East Kilbride that is selling uniforms for all South Lanarkshire and Glasgow schools. There is also a store in St Enochs center and in Rutherglen.
- Fiona is also coordinating with Calderwood and Westcoats Primary who are also doing some uniform recycling.
- Julie MacCaskill believes recycling is a great idea and suggests that a stall may be more beneficial. Concerns are also raised about using Facebook as this could create a large workload.
- Fiona Adamson determines that the Facebook page will only be used to drive parents to the Parent Council website.
- Carrie S likes the idea of an online shop.

- Pamela Dick believes it's very beneficial and a good idea.
- Helen says that some families may struggle with accessing the website and the Parent Council needs to organise a backup option to assist these families.
- Fiona Adamson suggests offering a request form and emphasising the sustainability angle to ensure it is accessible to those who require it.
- The uniform recycling can run the whole of June, will be made clear to parents soon and more information will be released.

#### **6) Traffic Update (TBC - pending update from Police/Council)**

- Helen to forward the Stuart email to Fiona Adamson

#### **7) Treasurers Update (Closing balance of funds)**

- All the money has been accounted for, £1500 has gone to Primary 7
- Kim Gogarty says that final balance is around £650 pounds
- All events mentioned by Gary Campbell has been budgeted into the £650
- Huge thank you to Fiona Midwinter and Julie for organising the treasure trail.
- Julie asks if there is a closing date for the treasure trail.
- Helen replies that it was initially the 7th of June but this can be extended to the beginning of next week (the 14th)
- Julie MacCaskill to make a facebook post about the treasure trail extension.
- The Parent Council is in a healthy position to start fundraising for next year.

#### **8) "Recruitment" drive for 2021/2022**

- Fiona says that leaflets will be given to everyone to encourage new parents to join the Parent Council.
- Julie MacCaskill to organise a facebook drive.
- Eugenie Aroutcheff suggests an interview of parents that are leaving, discussing their reason to join PC. Parents speaking to other parents may encourage others to join, this can be displayed on the Facebook page.
- Julie MacCaskill says that we can emphasise on friendships being formed with team bonding exercises and organise events at pubs and local areas.
- Julie suggests that next term a coffee morning may be great in communicating with Primary 1 parents and encouraging them to join the Parent Council.
- Helen says that due to the changing COVID guidelines and restrictions this may not be possible.
- Pamela Dick suggests hosting the event elsewhere.
- Helen says that we must ensure that everything is organised within guidelines.
- Fiona Midwinter says that people are fed up with virtual experiences and are craving face to face interactions and opportunities to meet each other.
- Fiona Adamson asks Helen if parents are able to meet on school grounds.
- Helen replies that currently they are to discourage parents from being around the school grounds.
- Eugenie Aroutcheff suggests using Overton Park for activities such as walk and talk.
- Pamela Dick says that a walk and talk is a great idea.
- Helen says there is no.of students coming from stand alone nurseries.
- Julie MacCaskill and Fiona Adamson to further discuss about pack of tea and biscuits for parents.
- Helen says that new parents find familiar faces important such as photos of members of PC
- Julie MacCaskill suggests a small paragraph per each member on facebook to familiarise new parents with the Parent Council.
- Fiona Adamson says that sub groups are hard to set up, but would be beneficial for parents.

**9) Farewell to P7 PC Members**

- Thank you to Kim Gogarty for all the amazing work as treasurer.
- Thank you to Richard Tawse for all the zoom meeting set ups.
- Thank you to Eugenie Aroutcheff for all the input on outdoor learning, hopefully garden club will be back soon
- Thank you to Wendy Shaw Christmas fairs won't be the same without you.
- Thank you to Debbie Conner for planning school discos.
- Thank you to Julie MacCaskill for the facebook page and amazing graphic design services.
- Thank you to Fiona Welsh for treasure trails.
- Thank you to Ashley Little for the 50/50 club.

**10) AOCB**

- Julie MacCaskill asks about breakfast clubs and if they are still able to run.
- Helen replies that it depends on the no. of people interested, a certain no. of staff and volunteers are required, but this is often a struggle to ensure. The seats that children use throughout the day must also be allocated. COVID bubbles are an issue as certain children are unable to mix with each other.
- Fiona Adamson asks Helen about the Burnside butterflies app and the task of placing butterflies in the window.
- Helen replies with keeping this up and encouraging parents to place a butterfly in their window.
- Julie MacCaskill suggests putting a recruitment for Parent Council on the google classroom.