



**Minutes of Burnside Parent Council  
Monday 7 Nov 2020**

**In attendance:** Cllr Robert Brown, Helen McGarvey, Gary Campbell, Fiona Adamson, Carrie Stroud, Ashley Walker, Richard Tawse, Julie Hanratty, Ross Kirkwood, Fiona Welsh, Julie McCaskill, Kelly Elliot, Eugenie Aroutcheff, Pamela Dick, Kim Gogarty and Margaret Cowie

**Apologies:**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.	<p><b>Attendance Sheet</b> completed</p> <p><b>Minutes</b> of the previous meeting approved</p>	
2.	<p><b>Reports and Upcoming Events</b></p> <p>Car Free Zone Update It is believed that the car free zone can progress without any further consultation with parents or residents. Cllr Brown to confirm. Ideas were shared around how best to promote the message of road safety and considerate parking in the meantime. These included looking at the Baldy Bain Theatre Groups road safety week production; using the posters designed by pupils on the FB page; looking at the short film used in a Welsh campaign and engaging the Community Police officers for Road Safety Week.</p> <p>Breakfast Club - still on hold. The question was raised about what is being done to help the children who arrive at school hungry. Helen reassured the PC that teachers are very good at identifying any child who might be in need to food and always ensure something is available to them.</p> <p>Food Drive It was agreed that food would be dropped off by parents into collection boxes at the gates. Non-uniform day agreed - cash donations to be collected and then spent of food (P7 to organise) NB Due to Covid restrictions this was amended to food donations only as cash could not be handled in school.</p> <p>50/50 Club First draw took place on 13 Nov 171 tickets were sold at the time of the draw giving us a grand total of £2052, total prize fund of £1026 and a monthly fund of £128. Additional tickets have been sold and will continue to be sold during the year.</p>	<p>Cllr B</p>

## **Head Teacher Update:**

Reporting to parents – thank you for responses which have allowed us to follow-up queries/concerns and provide some general feedback. Next report, early next term will focus on progress and next steps in core areas.

Face coverings – updated guidance. Parents/carers now required to wear face coverings at drop off/pick up. All staff required to wear them in communal areas e.g corridors, lunch hall, toilets, office etc.

Halloween/Ecoween– great fun was had by all! See Twitter @burnsideprim for photos. Thanks to PC for part funding (£120) the treat bags, we hope pupils enjoyed them. Ecoween – 200 pumpkins in today. Eco Committee have placed them throughout grounds to support biodiversity. Bird watching camera is now up, so will hopefully capture some wildlife enjoying the pumpkins.

P.E – can now move indoors following updated guidance and RA, aiming for next week.

P7/S1 transition – underway from tomorrow with an introduction from Vicki Rice, Stonelaw DHT.

Google Classroom will be used. Tours, information, activities planned for coming months.

Toy Appeal – partnership working with ‘Rain or Shine’ South Lanarkshire (Paula McNee). Planning to take donations/requests in last 2 weeks November – toys and books (12 Days of Christmas). Info to follow this week.

## **AOCB**

Julie highlighted that Blairbeth Church had organised a Poppy Cairn and were encouraging local children to paint a stone to leave in remembrance. Details to be forwarded to Helen. JMcC

Preparations are underway for the P7s leaving Burnside. It is currently unclear what form the leaving celebrations will take but Fiona reiterated that funds will be available to help make it a special occasion. Plans will be reviewed in the New Year.

Discussions took place around the P3s missing out on being in the Nativity but Helen assured us they would get the chance to star in a production next year!

Ideas were put forward around how the children could celebrate Christmas in a safe way this year. Helen asked that Ross email her with his thoughts. RK

**Date of next meeting:** Mon 1 Feb 2021