



Welcome and Introductions

Present

Gary Baillie – Vice Chair

Karianne Bruning – Treasurer

Mrs McLaughlin, Miss Ross and Mrs McFarlane Miss McGowan – staff attended

Linsey Paton Donaldson, Rebecca Howie, Meagan Baillie, Arlene Milne, and Fiona Charleston.

Apologies:

Julie Chambers

Charlene Mooney

Claire Kennedy

Joanne Paterson

Kirsty Paterson

Alison Rodgers

Committee positions

- Stephanie stood down as chair
- Gary Baillie voted in as interim Chair
- All parents welcome to get in touch to join the Parent Council
- Posts to be put on All About Antonine Facebook page with further info

Head Teacher Report

- School attendance down slightly since Covid period. New style of letters with traffic light colour system are being automatically generated (based on attendance %) and sent out to families – the reason for the letters is to indicate to families where the child's attendance is currently sitting, and parents can feel free to open a conversation with school and/or child.
- Whole school cluster have seen a change and want to understand reasons for absences - Antonine is currently showing the lowest attendance across the Denny cluster at 94%

Falkirk Council Consultation Information

- Proposal coming out re school transport out next Monday (30 Jan). Once released, the Parent Council will add to All About Antonine Facebook page. The school encourages parents to attend the consultations. Parent Council to collate a response to submit to Falkirk Council.



Gym Hall Upgrade - Budget Discussion plus committee feedback

- The Parent Council contributed £2500 for the gym wrap, with the remaining costs to be met by the school. Some concerns were raised by parents regarding budgets/spending – Mrs McLaughlin has assured that this refurbishment was budgeted for (and noted in previous Parent Council meeting minutes).
- An installation date of 13th and 14th February has been agreed (*reminder that this is for half of the hall, and further wrap can be added in future if required*). Remainder of the hall will be freshened up with a new coat of paint.
- Most parents who responded agreed the gym wrap was a good way to improve the area for the kids. The children were heavily involved in the design of the wrap, and felt very proud of the end design.
- The school house names changing was a concern from some parents as they appear on the wrap design (they have changed a couple of times in recent years – but rest assured these will not be changing again any time soon). Mrs McLaughlin has taken on feedback from some parents that they were not consulted on the gym hall upgrade and will look at ways to improve this in future. Parent Council minutes will continue to be included on the school app and website. The Parent Council and Staff would like to remind parents that minutes are collated and distributed, and welcome any feedback.

PEF spend 2023-2024 – forward planning

- Support assistant role created and filled – this uses the majority of the PEF budget.
- Looking to employ a welfare officer to assist across entire cluster – £4100 contribution from Antonine for 1 day of each week of school year. This will support a further link between school and home which can support families and work towards raising attendance levels.
- This would leave £11000 – Questionnaire to be sent to parents “What do our children need to get the best from their learning?” - to understand the parent perspective of how the remaining budget could be used. Some of this money is used to support after school club fees, travel and cost for trips for children registered for Free School Meals.
- Pupil Council to design a poster to show how the budget has been spent.

Falkirk Council Validation visit

Falkirk Council are undertaking visits to a selection of school to monitor and evaluate the school’s performance. They will look at learning, teaching and assessment and look to promote improvement. Parent Council to give feedback on what the school do in terms of relaying the learning to parents. Children will also be asked about their learning. At the end, the feedback will be



from Parents, Staff and Pupils giving a rounded view. A summary of findings will be shared at the Parent Council meeting.

Stem Update – whole school focus

- This will go ahead in term 4

Events update

- Next disco Tuesday 28th March - a reminder of the date will be posted on All About Antonine Facebook page, as well as permission slips being given to pupils. Parent Council would love to hear from any parents who can help with discos etc.

Finance

- Money from Falkirk Council due to come in April (£330) – last year this contributed to the app. Treasurer to keep this money in account until later in the year
- £8397.58 currently in account
- £2500 still to come out for the hall wrap
- Extended lottery licence (50/50 etc), stamps exchanged (lots of packets had been bought previously and Treasurer exchanged all)

Any Other Business

- May have a quick meeting in March then another next term re what we are working towards
- No summer fayre this year
- Whole school concert in the works for summer - school leading this.
- Careers Fayre event will be an open afternoon this term and then in term 4 there will be a STEM event – encouraging families to once again be involved in school learning.
- Signs for car park printed and to be put up to remind parents not to park at the school gate (also gentle reminder about appropriate use of disabled parking spaces)
- “THE FOOD FAIRIES” – Touched on parents helping one another and encouraging community spirit. Suggestions: getting together to car pool, help parents, school drop off and pick up. Parent Council to discuss in future.
- P7 take over day for fundraising in discussion (P7s can decide when they have breaks, putting music on etc)

Antonine Primary School
Parent Council Meeting
24/01/23 – 7pm



- Discussion of further social events in lighter months next year (ladies night, race night etc) – maybe September

Meeting close – 20:40pm