



Welcome and Intro's

- Present:
- Claire Casey (Deputy Head)
 - Jacqueline McLaughlan (Head)
 - Gary Baillie (Chair)
 - Meagan Baillie (Events)
 - Julie Chambers
 - Fiona Charleston (Secretary)
 - Linzi Clement
 - Victoria McFarlane
 - Arlene Milne (Vice Chair)
 - Ms. Mungall
 - Gordon Passmore
 - Lynn Passmore
 - Linsey Paton-Donaldson
- Apologies: Clare Kennedy, Cassie Love, Louise Sutherland

P7 House Captains Presentation

- Brodie, Cameron, Joshua, Matthew, Matthew and Summer
- P7 House Captains Presentation about the School Improvement Plan re Literacy / STEM / Health & Wellbeing / Assessment & Development

They talked about what each category is and how they want to achieve these in school

Literacy – Antonine currently have the Silver award Reading Skills Scotland. Pupils wish to start writing letters to the local care home for the elderly to support and enhance literacy within school.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) – being implemented throughout school to open opportunities throughout all years nursery to p7.

Health & Wellbeing – To support health and wellbeing within school the pupils want to work with the local care home and have more outdoor learning opportunities. Strategies and training are being implemented for staff to support pupils mental health and wellbeing - The school currently has Silver in Rights Respecting, aiming towards Gold this year. A donation from local business for outdoor learning with Under the Trees for some pupils (P4) as a trial – hoping to roll this out to p3 and p5 too (funding/provider availability dependant), and Forest School for p1 and p2.

Assessment & Development – Staff are creating assessment framework, skills framework being gradually introduced to learning (linking learning to specific skills, which is used at Denny HS). Teachers are also engaging in lots of strategies and research to support this.



Election of Role Bearers

Discussion with those present as to who will proceed this school year within the Parent Council. Agreed as per below:

- Chair – Gary Baillie
- Vice Chair – Arlene Milne
- Treasurer – Lyndsey Paton and Meagan Baillie (shared role)
- Secretary – Fiona Charleston

Finance and Fundraising

2 Bank accounts and current balance:

- Account 1 - £331.97
- Account 2 - £7605.57

Account 1 is for paying for the School app and website (this is money received from Falkirk Council, which Parent Council then pay directly to the school). Account 2 is for everything else PTA fund. Thanks to recent fundraising successes (inflatables, fayres, discos etc) the account is looking the healthiest it has been in a few years.

Due to absence of Treasurer, mandates being arranged for Arlene Milne (Vice Chair) and Gary Baillie (Chair) to be named on account.

AGM minutes are to be submitted to Falkirk Council, and it should be stated that Karianne Bruning is no longer Treasurer. Gary Baillie (Chair) will also be sending an audit to Falkirk Council.

Meagan Baillie queried if Gambling Licence (used in school 50/50 fundraising etc) is currently up to date. Chair and co-Treasurers will investigate this.

Mrs McLaughlin explained the school will be buying more footballs and basketballs for the pupils

Contributions/Donations (outwith Parent Council)

- Class One Management will contribute funding for a full football kit for school, should arrive in next few weeks
- St. Josephs Church have sent donation which has gone towards 50 cross country kits
- A local businessman donated funds to allow some of our pupils to experience more outdoor learning (as stated in Health & Wellbeing section of House Captain presentation)
- Reading Scheme - £5000 worth of reading resources donated from other school

EVENTS

Halloween 2023 Disco is booked for 24th October this year

- **2024 Discos:**
 - Spring - Thursday 28th March
 - Summer - Thursday 27th June
 - Halloween - Tuesday 29th October

Parent/Carer volunteers are always needed and appreciated at these events



Events Committee are hoping to launch a 50/50 just before Christmas (gives parents the chance to win ££, with 50% going back to the school) – but waiting to see if Gambling Licence is up to date.

Discussed the possibility of card machines at Xmas Fayres etc. This will be looked into and discussed with bank to see what our options are for easier payment methods.

Some parents have queried if the Christmas Fayre can be every year, as it can bring in great fundraising opportunities for the school, and the kids all seem to enjoy having their own enterprises to create and manage. From the teachers/school POV, staff are organising the Christmas concert this year. The addition of Christmas Fayre would be too much to take away from the school curriculum. Classes will have Enterprise tasks for summer fayre 2024. Events Committee will post a poll on Antonine social media to gather Parents views.

- Summer Fayre Wednesday 29 May

Head Teacher Report / Discussion

- PEF – Pupil Equity Fund – Funds spent as per below. Investing the money in people and resources to benefit the children:

SFLA Grade D 27.5 hours	£22,571	Total
Cluster Support Worker	£5324	27,895
P3-5 Play Resources	£1000	28,895
P1-2 Classroom Libraries	£1000	29,895
Education City	£1500	31,395
Staff Training – Trauma Practice	£1000	32,395
Seasons for Growth Training	£300	32,695
Cost of the School Day	£3055	35,750
Talk 4 Writing Staff Training	£1000	36,750

- Standards of Quality – on website detailing what work was done last year and outlines priorities for the forthcoming year:
[FALKIRK COUNCIL \(appscentral.co.uk\)](http://falkirkcouncil.gov.uk/appscentral.co.uk)
- Care Inspectorate and Education Scotland to make visits to nursery
- New initiatives – Space Fortnight, Health Fortnight
- School Trips (linked to kids learning) P1-P3 Almond Valley, P4-P7 Dynamic Earth
- Nursery got new snack area and flooring

What school would like Parent Council financial support with:

- Cross country buses – Costing £200 each time, so some financial support would be appreciated. School do also have a grant of £400 for this purpose
- Science workshops (Generation Science) £500
- End of Year Trips – Almond Valley £18.25 per head, Dynamic Earth £16.35 per head – Can PC help to £16 and £15
- Pantomime - £450 to bring the Panto to school (Parent Council have already voted to go ahead with this)
- Need to top up infant books
- Playground Wishlist – bins and playground markings (prices to be provided for next meeting)



Any Other Business

- Some parents have asked if support staff think there are any other resources/items that kids who utilise additional support services need or could use. Mrs McLaughlin replied there is a sensory room (The Nurture Room) but could always use more resources, she will speak with Support Staff. Fidget toys, fidget boxes, all paid for by school.
- Nursery pick up times – is there a way to have an open time? The collection time is set by the council, cannot be an open time like 8.30 to 9.00. Staff are all ratioed so needs to be within the allotted time. Door stays closed due to security and safety, doors are then alarmed, hence why anyone who drops off after the allotted times has to go to the main door. Staff training etc begins at 3 (as per all Falkirk Council), nursery staff finish at 4pm.

ACTIONS TO BE CARRIED FORWARD

1. AGM minutes to be submitted to Falkirk Council, and them to be aware that KB is no longer Treasurer
2. GB (Chair) and/or MB/LPD (Treasurers) to query if Gambling Licence is up to date
3. Audit of Accounts to be sent to Falkirk Childrens Services Team (GB -Chair)
4. Discuss possibility of card machine/contactless payments for school events
5. Poll to be added to Socials for parents opinions on an annual Christmas Fayre
6. Sign in sheet to be created for next meeting (FC - Secretary)