Parent Council – Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 20th October 2026 – 6:30pm

Present: Sharon McCallum, Mrs Boyle, Mrs O'Neil, Emma Jackson, Lindsey Singh, Emma Woods, Emma Thompson, Stephen Shields, Ricky Hutton, Emma Mackie, Yvonne Shields, Lynn Hunter, Katie Lynas, Ria Shaw, Lorraine Flemming.

Apologies: Ana Jornea, Sarah Dunne.

Headteacher's Report

Staffing Report:
Mrs Allen will be absent for approximately 8–12 weeks following hip replacement surgery. Mr Whitelaw will cover Mrs McAndrew's absence until her expected return before Christmas. Miss Morrice has resigned and will finish in October. Miss Reed remains absent, and the school hopes to welcome her back soon.

The meeting sadly acknowledged the death of P6 pupil Robbie Frew. A memorial service will take place on 29 October. The school will look at ways to commemorate Robbie, although it was acknowledged that it is still too soon to discuss the details.

The Parents Council agreed to fund football kits for the girls' football team.

Cross country will take place on Thursday 22 October at Blantyre Sports Centre, and parents are welcome to attend.

Preparations for the school show are underway, with parts allocated. Performances may take place in March rather than February as originally anticipated.

Emergency Procedures

Emergency evacuation procedures were practised on Monday 19 October following a reported bomb threat. The police confirmed it was a hoax. The school followed its emergency procedures as a precaution. Communications with parents must follow approved South Lanarkshire Council guidance.

Halloween Disco

A company has been booked to run the disco, providing a host, DJ, party games, prizes and lights. There will be one hour for P1–P3 and one hour for P4–P7. Children may come to school dressed up on the day. Children were asked to bring a £1 donation towards Parents Council funds.

Christmas Café

The Christmas Café will take place on 15 and 16 December. The number and timings of performances are yet to be confirmed, with three or four performances over the two

days being considered. It was suggested that doors open earlier to give parents more time to enjoy the Christmas stalls.

Parents were reminded to stay for the full performance where possible so that all children have an audience. Those unable to stay for the full show were asked to sit near the back.

The tombola will be moved to a separate space so it can remain set up between performances. Nursery lunches now take place in the nursery, allowing more time between performances.

Tickets will cost £2.50, with two tickets allocated per family. Tea and coffee will cost £1. P7 pupils will help sell raffle tickets. Parents Council members were asked to send Sharon their availability to help with stalls. Donations of baking will also be requested from parents.

Friday 4 December will be a dress-down day, with donations requested for the tombola, such as toiletries, wine and chocolates.

Other Business

- **Pyjama Day:** Friday 6 November. Children can wear their pyjamas to school, with a £1 donation requested.
- **Summer Fayre:** The date has been changed to 11 June.
- **PVG renewals:** Parents Council members with PVG membership were asked to provide their PVG number to allow renewals to be arranged.
- **Christmas capybara:** A Christmas-themed capybara will be circulated around classes as part of a prize competition. Further details of the guessing competition are to be confirmed.
- **Halloween teddy:** The winner of the teddy's birthday competition will be selected at the Halloween disco. Children can still purchase a date.
- **Ladies' Day:** Arranged for 13 March, 4–9pm.
- **MyChildsArt:** The website mychildsart.co.uk was suggested as a potential fundraising opportunity. Children create a picture which can then be printed onto items such as mugs and keyrings, with 20% of profits going to the school.