



## Minutes of Auchengray Primary Parent Council Meeting

24<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### *Attendees:*

Staff – Carol Pennock (Head Teacher)

Parents – Moira Marshall (Chairperson), Susan Peter (Secretary), Stuart Crighton (Treasurer), Jen Crighton (parent)

Council Members – Richard-Lockart (chair of Clydesdale Area Committee)

### *1.) Apologies*

none

Moira opened meeting at 7:10pm (waited for possible late arrivals) and welcomed everybody to the meeting.

### *2.) Minutes of last meeting*

Previous meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018) minutes were noted (Moira Marshall) and approved as seen by members & parents on Parent Council email posted (20<sup>th</sup> May 2018) with the additional note to attached present minutes on schools' website.

### *3.) Chairperson's Report*

Moira Marshall opened her report as being some busy months for both out and in school. Lots of fundraising opportunities have totalled to £760 toward the Parent Council. At the start of the year the parent council helped towards the cost of school app (renewal), prizes for fundraising and presents for Leavers- and New arrivals, 1<sup>st</sup> School Newspaper, laptops which seems to be a brilliant communication tool between school staff and parents.

Pupils participated in various events such as Cross country (Team Award), Levensat Awards (presented on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018), Sports Day, Leavers& School official Opening Ceremony, ....

Moira added a huge Thank You! to all who attended, organised and participated.

Moira concluded that even more things are in the pipeline as fundraising opportunities at **Hoolie in The Hall** (24<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – 7:30pm - Tarbrax Hall). Jemma (Watif? Community Trust) approached the Parents Council in supporting during this event with a stand (Funfair games) for fundraising towards Parent Council. Now, the Parent Council needs help from all Parents to donate any possible prizes. Donations can be handed to any of the committee members or school.

The Parent Council have been awarded with 420 trees (mix of anything) to provide a wind shelter around the derelict school perimeter to create a woodland classroom. The Parents Council set the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (10-2pm) to be the **Tree Planting Day**, hoping for help from parents and community, as well as just for an hour or two.

#### *4.) Treasurer's Report*

Treasurer advised the bank account balance of £1496,60.

The Parents Council also is hoping to open an online Payment Account which would help in easier running of Parent Council financial affairs (various bank are looked at this stage as past option did not worked out).

#### *5.) Election of Office Bearers & Approval of Constitution*

##### *Parent Council Members*

<b>Chairperson</b>	- Moira Marshall
<b>Vice Chairperson</b>	- Susan Peter
<b>Secretary</b>	- Jen Crighton
<b>Treasurer</b>	- Stuart Crighton

Parents Council Constitution was approved this 2018/19 school term.

Susan Peter (past secretary) stresses the importance for pupils and school in having a running Parent Council hoping for any support whatsoever from all parents. All members can be approached if any new ideas (activities, trips, fundraising opportunities) to keep Parent Council alive.

#### *6.) Head Teachers Report*

Carol Pennock (Head Teachers) spoke about overall school improvements within the The Biggar Learning Community (BLC) from Raising Attainment (meet needs through constant development between pupil, parent, staff, community), Building Digital Skills (enrich learning and teaching) and Transition (focus on Health & Wellbeing from nursery to S1).

Please note Head Teachers Report from November (2018) Auchengray Primary Newsletter which gives a good implementation of past and present happenings.

#### *7.) Forward Planning*

Dates for the diary can be found in Auchengray Primary Newsletter (November, 2018)

#### *8.) AOB & Date of next meeting*

Parents Council Meeting was closed at 8:15pm. Thanks to all who was attending.

The next parent Council Meeting was set for **16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (Wednesday) 7-9pm**.  
Reminder and Invitation to parents, councillors, trust members, etc. will be send out closer the time.

***If you have some spare time just come along.***