

BROUGHTON PRIMARY



PARENT COUNCIL

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Treasurer: Helen Wood

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Parent Council Meeting Monday 14th June 2021 @ 6.30pm

Present: Maryanne Jenkins, Lynne Short, Helen Wood, Jenni Curson (Acting Head Teacher), Maureen Swinburne (Principal Teacher), Alphedia Kenchington, Annie Buttin, Phoebe McCosh, Amy Meikle, Fiona MacLachlan

Apologies: Vicky White, Shona Scott, Malcolm Bruce, Lina Mangen, Lynn Smith, Alexia Haworth, Jennifer Hutchison, Lesley Mason

MINUTES

1. Welcome

Maryanne welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. PC Update (MJ)

a. Sports Day:

Parent council has arranged for an ice cream van to visit school on Sports Day. Each child will have an ice cream cone paid for by Parent Council. If you don't want your child to have this, please email us at BroughtonParents@outlook.com

b. School Meals:

Lesley Mason put out a request to parents for information regarding school meals. There was a great response to this and Lesley has collated the feedback. Generally, it refers to price, quality and quantity as reasons why children choose not to take a school lunch. Jenni has been given a copy of the feedback and will pass this on to the regional catering manager. Maryanne will attend Parent Council Chairs Forum with Scottish Borders Council on Thursday and will bring up all the relevant points.

c. Poly Tunnel:



The Poly Tunnel is looking great and plants are growing well. Maryanne shared some pictures of its progress.

d. Notice Board:



This is now installed and filled with notices at the school gates. Many thanks to Tweedsmuir CC for funding it.

e. Summer Social:

Thank you to the parents who have contacted us with information about the events they have organized for our Summer Social. Keep it simple, small or large! The idea is similar to a MacMillan coffee morning: invite friends/family to come along and make a donation, perhaps even help out with providing food/drink. There will be a raffle to coincide with the Summer Social and a beautiful hamper has been kindly donated by Broughton Village Shop; a bottle of pink fizz has been donated for second prize. **Forms for the virtual raffle will be in school bags this week. Please fill in the form and send the cash into school asap.**

Donations can also be made either for the Summer Social or for entry into the raffle draw by pressing the *donate* button on the school website www.broughtonprimary.org.uk. Prizes will be drawn at the end of term.

f. End of Term Gifts:

Parent Council has arranged gifts for staff. We have also arranged flowers for Mrs Colquhoun who will be retiring after 23 years at Broughton Primary School.

3. HT Update (JC/MS)

a. Staffing (JC):

Jenni explained that an NQT will be joining Broughton Primary next session and will be supported by Mrs Swinburne. The NQT will cover the P456 class; on Thursdays Mrs Scott will teach the class. As yet we do not have a name (there are delays across Scotland). Information will come out ASAP by group call.

Mrs Colquhoun will retire at the end of the term after 23 years at the school. We wish her well. Mrs Peaston is recovering well and is looking forward to her return, hopefully in August.

b. Sports Day (JC):

Sports Day is planned for Tuesday, the 22nd of June. Unfortunately, Covid guidelines still require that no parents attend.

c. Poly Tunnel (MS):

The poly tunnel project is going extremely well. All classes are involved. Maureen passed on thanks to Maryanne and to Ingrid Campbell for helping with recent plant sales: £80.44 has been raised to date. Many thanks to all parents who ordered plants.

A gardening club has started for the older pupils; it has been very popular so far and Maureen intends to continue this club in the next academic year.

The catering team has been using homegrown lettuce from the poly tunnel in lunches. There is plenty and if parents would like some please let school know and we can send some home!

Broughton in Bloom have kindly offered to water the poly tunnel over the long summer holiday. Maureen passed on particular thanks to Maryanne for her support with the poly tunnel project.

d. Loose Parts Play (MS):

Pupil Parliament has found appropriate storage for loose parts: the cost will be approximately £180. Plant sales will part fund this.

e. PE (JC):

Use of the tennis courts on a Tuesday has been extremely successful. As a result, we would like to replenish tennis and general PE stock in the autumn term. We would ask for parent council financial help in this.

f. Transition (JC):

P7 pupils will have transition morning to Peebles High School on Friday, the 18th June. On the same date, the rest of the school will have a Meet The New Teacher event. Biggar High School transition day has taken place and was successful.

g. P7 Activity Days (JC):

The first activity day took place on Monday and was a hill walk. It was enjoyed by all. Canoeing will take place on Tuesday. Pupil feedback is great so far!

Jenni thanked parent council on behalf of all bps staff for its continued support.

Alphedia asked if class bubbles are still likely to be in place in August. Jenni replied that no definite decision has been made yet. It is likely that external bubbles won't be necessary and outdoor play will be more relaxed. We await further guidance.

Annie asked if it would be possible to find a way of communicating to parents what ELC children are eating during the day. She is keen to encourage more plant-based healthy meals within school and would be keen to help out with this kind of initiative. Jenni responded that big changes are afoot in terms of snacks for ELC pupils. It will be more formalized and less localized. This is due to new Scottish Government regulations which will be based on 'a rainbow on a plate'. Alphedia informed the meeting that there is an SBC nutritionist who works on appropriate menus for children with particular health & nutritional needs. Barbara should have contact details for her.

Maryanne requested clarification on school uniform expectations: when should children arrive in uniform and when should children arrive in sports clothes? Jenni replied that uniform has been a challenge during the pandemic and that on PE days only, children should arrive in school wearing sports clothes. She is hopeful that in August we will be allowed to use changing facilities again therefore uniform will be worn to school every day. Jenni is keen to make the point that there is lots of lost property in school and some secondhand uniform is also available from school. She also suggested that **parents might use the class WhatsApp groups to swap outgrown uniform.**

4. Treasurer's Report (HW)

Income since last meeting:	£24.59 (Easy Fundraising)
Expenditure:	£861.66 (Notice Board, Gardening Equipment, PVS Licence, Flowers to CP)
Balance:	£4358.27
Pending:	P7 Activities Transport costs, End of Term Staff Gratuities, LC Retirement Gift, Ice Cream Van

Helen informed the meeting that she applied to the Arnold Clark Community Fund on behalf of Parent Council and gave the good news that we have been awarded £1000 from them to boost our funds.

5.AOB

- **Zero Waste Schools:** Phoebe McCosh got in touch with parent council to enquire about Zero Waste Schools and ask if there was any way of school getting a compost bin. Jenni spoke of her experience at West Linton primary school which began composting and came across a vermin issue therefore this had to stop for Health and Safety reasons. However, the school found some farmers in West Linton who were keen to take their food waste; maybe this would be a possibility for Broughton Primary School. Maryanne will put out this suggestion via class WhatsApp groups for any farming families interested in helping to recycle food waste.
- **PC Committee Changeover:** Maryanne spoke on behalf of the Parent Council Committee members who are now all approaching the end of their two-year term. It is important that as many parents as possible get involved and being a member of the PC Committee is a great opportunity to understand how the school functions. By Christmas we will be at the end of our two-year term. ***We would ask parents to consider joining the Parent Council. We would be happy to speak to any parents who may like to shadow our roles in advance of our leaving date. Please email us if you are interested: BroughtonParents@outlook.com***

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by HW & MJ
Meeting ended 7.20pm