

# Broughton Primary School Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 26 May 2021

## Minutes

### 1. Introductions and Apologies

Attendance:		Apologies:
Maria Gowans (HT) David Borthwick (PT) Sam Rushforth (DHT)  Guests: Jodie Hannan, current Head Teacher, Drummond Community High School (DCHS) Shona Sloan, Depute Headteacher for S2, S4 and S6 and Curriculum, (DCHS) Rachel Robertson, new Head Teacher, (DCHS)	Rachel Blythe (Chair) Naomi Sandilands (Secretary) Bence Solymar (Treasurer) Matt Boyles (meeting chair) Sandra Bagnall Pauline Oh Sandra Rathjen Anne Hay Kumar Laxman Catherine Logie Rebecca Winterstein Daniel Winterstein	

### 2. Minutes of last meeting

#### 3. Drummond Community High School Questions and Answers

In response to the questions from Broughton parents, Jodie, Shona and Rachel presented slides on:

A. Home Learning Policy - clear expectations and follow up if not handed it, school issues paper planners, and use 1:1 sessions with Pupil Learning Support Leaders (one for each House) to discuss any issues arising.

B. Jodie set out Drummond's story of improvement and determination, showing attainment comparators, strong use of data to benchmark, and the ethos that no child leaves class with nothing, as well as sharing its whole school targets for improvement; and

C. the journey from Primary School to Secondary and to positive destinations - positive destination pathways which are tailored to suit the individual. Emphasised links with Spartans, World at Work, JET works experience, and Skills Development Scotland. In S5/6 Foundation Apprenticeships. Careers guidance meetings. Encourage all to embed skills, and to drop only one subject, encouraging 'levelling up' - to increase the qualification stage through course choices.

PDF of the power point presentation is available for Circulation.

### 3. Head Teacher's Report - Maria Gowans

- **Staffing** - 2 new Early Years practitioners and other nursery staff to cover the nursery being open 52 weeks (starting this summer). Meeting continuing on the new build nursery, and the Drummond Community HS nursery will come to Broughton.
- One probationer vacancy and one permanent (part-time) vacancy both to be recruited via Central recruitment process.
- **2021/22 P1 intake** currently at 48 but likely to increase with appeals, resulting in 2x P1 and p1/2 composite class.
- **PEF funding** up 15% per child, to £66,000. Supporting the Emotional Literacy Co-ordinator position to support identified younger years, and now also maths support to upper years. During Covid lockdowns, this position supported literacy and broadened its remit to include wider achievement. PEF funding also to support all families to attend P7 school camp.
- After hiatus of Covid-19 lockdowns, school focussing back on developing numeracy and equalities work, regaining the Green Eco schools' status, as well as updating health education to align with national policy.
- 2022 will be the school's **125th anniversary** so planning events to celebrate this, with opportunities to link with equalities themes and looking at how the school's population has changed. Richie Collins has been doing some art work with children in Lisa Bradley's class and hope this may lead to art for the 125th anniversary celebrations and fundraising merchandise.
- **Active schools** is returning but the service has changed to be free and targeted to those in pupils being supported by PEF funding, or with additional support needs and costs will be financially supported by school.
- **Health and wellbeing** - Return to school survey feeds into the health and wellbeing part of the curriculum, and completion of the last block of Building Resilience - toolkit with a heavy focus on becoming familiar with how to use the tools and strategies; upper years also been using literature to discuss the support strategies. Support for Learning (Mr. E. Young) and the Emotional Literacy coordinator position (Ms L Clark) resource for those in more in need.

#### Other activities:

- P5/6 to be offered blocks of cricket
- P2/3 offered singing via NYCOS (virtually) and P2 outdoors.
- 27/28 May EMF marathon running/sports day taking place in class groups
- P7 'Epic Day' camp experience taking place 3 June
- P6 booked for Lagganlia, as P7s in 2021/22.

### 5. Other questions

Pauline Oh has revised and produced a **Parent Council transition pack** for P1 parents - providing information in a visually appealing format on what the Parent Council and FAB is and how to get involved. Pauline Oh to send the pdf to Mrs Rushforth end of this week to review. Bence Solymar to help produce a list of activities etc that FAB have helped fund

### 6. Constitutional issues

This meeting is an Emergency General Meeting to allow for the election of a Parent Council Chair, with Rachel Blythe putting herself forward.

Jennifer Longstaff proposed her. Naomi Sandilands seconded the proposal. Rachel Blythe is now our new Chair of the Parent Council.

ACTION: Rachel Blythe and others to review the Constitution over the summer ahead of the AGM in the next term.

#### **7. Treasurer's Report - Bence Solymar**

Only spending update is the £100 spent on 2 new charcoal BBQs.

#### **8. Spending Decisions**

- Request from P7 parent for a loan to bridge funding gap and allow an order for P7 leavers hoodies to be placed with superlogo. P7s will pay for their hoodies with profits from the 'Grow a Fiver' business projects. Shortfall will be met by parents (and they will pay this back the PC).
- Playground painting proposal (Pauline Oh) for the top ground tarmac - agreed to fund this, Pauline to circulate options for children to choose and full costs once known.

#### **9. Green Space issues:**

- Rear bowling green is an opportunity and also a big responsibility. Possible to link with other groups with experience in managing community outdoors spaces, eg Friends of Hopetoun Crescent Garden and for Broughton PS Eco Group and the Drummond CHS Eco Group (co-ordinated by Mr Tuft) to get involved. Possible future funding sources for Rear Bowling Green Development and for the Growing and Cooking Project should be explored, for example the Tesco Community Grants.
- Other ideas to follow up include the F@B Pupil Competition about designing the layout and developing the Rear Bowling Green.
- The Friends of Hopetoun Crescent Garden are keen to develop links with Broughton Primary School. They are working on many developments, ideas on biodiversity, butterflies, bees/bee hotels, wildflower sections, composting bins, green manures, wild medicinal/herbal plants, sculptures, history and spring flowers/bulbs. They want the children to come up with their own ideas for Hopetoun Crescent Garden. They want to work on creative projects to help children appreciate green spaces. This could be an educational visit for some classes – it's only 7 minutes walk away. Rachel Blythe to send on information about this to Mrs Gowans.
- Nursery design team need to make decision on a pond or swale to be part of the back bowling green. Also need to ensure that there is a water source for the back green (accessible outside tap).

#### **10 Broughton Growing & Cooking Project – Rachel Blythe**

- P4 classes planted their potatoes are growing well, RB to follow up with teachers about harvesting activities.
- RB to consult teachers on some planned planting and growing activities for P1 and P3 in June.
- The soft fruit in the playground is also growing well (gooseberries, black and red currants, blueberries, brambles) and the apple trees were in blossom.
- RB developing lists of donated seeds, so that we know what we have available / when to plant. Thinking of wider opportunities to get things planted – e.g Broughton After School Club?, using the ex-bowling green planters? We also had a recent donation of rhubarb, which has now been re-potted in a bigger pot.
- Many thanks to Pauline Oh, Rachael Brewer, Ria p3, Alasdair, p6 and Indah, pre-school, for help with weeding, tidying and organisation in playground gardening areas over the weekend of 15/16 May 2021.
- RB continuing the liaison by the four partners in the original Leith Chooses partnership, towards ensuring that all funding is spent and has updates on their activities. DCHS - number of people in that organisation interested in the "Growing and Cooking" project eg teacher who runs eco club.

- Leith Community Growers/ Edible Estates, in conjunction with Edinburgh Tool Library '100 planters initiative' - to distribute 100 planters across Leith. Drummond CHS, Leith Walk PS and Broughton PS all offered a planter. RB to follow up size/arrangements, and the potential to learn with children and to develop skills to make our own pallet planters and what to plant in it. RB to send on information about this to Mrs Gowans.
- Anne Hay suggests contact DCHS to seek opportunities for those high school kids to volunteer at the bowling green eg with Duke of Edinburgh Award or Saltire Award for volunteering. RB to follow this up.
- (moved)

#### **11. Fundraising and Social Ideas (Friends@Broughton)**

- 'Virtual session' coffee morning in June 2021 for new p1 families joining Broughton in August 2021, could have a panel of parents to welcome and answer questions on school life and activities. Strong support for this idea, all agreed this would be a good way to counter the lack of opportunities to meet informally, face to face. New nursery families should be involved too. About 70 total families (P1 plus nursery) - Sam R to help with arrangements, communications, and Maria happy to attend. (Pauline Oh)
- Bee Event (Rachel B) exploring options to hold a small event in June around the idea of a bee count/wildlife survey in local parks and green spaces and making bee/bug hotels. See UK pollinator scheme and other organisations for ideas. Bring in BASC, outdoor trail, prizes? Align with Brownies activities?

#### **12. Future Agenda planning**

AGM is usually held 2-3 weeks after start of term in August . RB to discuss with Maria to work out dates.

#### **8. Any Other Business**

Thanks to all the P7 parents for whom this is their last meeting, for their huge contributions over the years, they will be missed, in particular Jennifer Longstaff and Sandra Rathjen (past Chairs), Sandra Bagnall for leading on the school's EMF events and Chris Knowles for all his support at meeting and events.

#### **Dates of next meetings:**

##### **TBC RB to contact Maria to discuss**

These will be held at 6:30-8:00 pm on MS Teams, contact [broughtonsparents@outlook.com](mailto:broughtonsparents@outlook.com) for a link.