

Minutes of 2024 Annual General Meeting Of Bantaskin Parent Council

Hold on Thursday 19th September 2024 at 3.15pm at Digiden,
Bantaskin Primary School, Bantaskine Road, Falkirk, FK1 5HT

Present

Suzanne Barclay
Vicki Sweeney
Natalie Robertson
Stuart Tolmie
Rachel Walker
Kirsty Twycross
Claire Duncan
Nicola Ogston
Mr Blaikie

Welcome and opening remarks

Rachel welcomed members to the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies were received from current Vice Chair Jade Allan, current secretary Laura McIntosh and Deborah Don

Chair's Report

Rachel reported that last year's discos were successful and helped raise funds that were used to provide buses to the school pants trip, purchase the ties for P7's, bike repairs and buses for glee choir.

Rachel thanked everyone for their support over the last year and would like to extend the thanks to all volunteers who helped out during the last sessions events.

Rachel advised the council of the resignation of Jade Allan as Vice Chair and Laura McIntosh as secretary due to personal issues. They both intend to continue to volunteer at the events.

Treasurer Report

The current funds in the bank to be confirmed.

Update from Mr Blaikie

Mr Blaikie advised the council of staffing updates. PEF funding and mentioned school improvement policies that were discussed at the Meet the Teacher event that took place on Tuesday 3rd September.

He also advised that class assembly information will be issued at some point in the week commencing 23rd September. The date for P7's residential camp was advised by Mr Blaikie as 6th November, more details to follow.

Mr Blaikie advised that due to staff absence is unlikely that there will be a Pantomime trip this year, alternative ideas are being looked at.

Pupil groups are due to return prior to the October break. Mr Blaikie advised that the school are looking into setting up a range of clubs for children and has advised that they are looking for offers from parents/carers to help run the clubs.

Committee Elections

Rachel and Claire have agreed to stay in their roles as Chair and Treasurer. The roles of Vice Chair and Secretary were decided in a vote to be appointed to Natalie Robertson as Vice Chair and Nicola Ogston as Secretary.

Constitution

There is no updates to be made to the constitution. A copy of it is to be send to Gill Docherty to be added to the school website.

Calendar of events 2024/25

We as a group have agreed the following dates for our discos

- Halloween Disco - Wednesday 30th October. (We choose this date to ensure children can still have halloween night for trick or treating)
- Valentines Disco - Thursday 13th February (following day is a school holiday)
- Shorts and Shade Disco - Thursday 12th June

We have decided that there will not be a Christmas Market this year. We have however decided that we will be organising a Spring Fete due to be held at the school on Saturday 31st May 2025.

Future Meeting dates

The next meeting date has been organised for 10th October at 3:15pm in the Digiden.

Any other business

The subject of funds donated by Mrs Haldane in her will, was raised as the last class she taught is this years P7. Mr Blaikie confirmed that the funds are still available and that an event is to be decided.

The issue of the gate into school grounds on Westburn Avenue was raised. We were advised by Mr Blaikie that the gate has been repaired and is now reopen.

Parking outside the school was discussed and we were are hoping the PC Mason fFalkirk High School Based Officer will stop by to ensure that parents/carers are adhering to rules for parking near the school.

Close of business