

**Underbank Primary School**  
**Parent Council Meeting**  
**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Present:** Scott Martin (Chair), Margo Millar (HT), Rebekah Bond (CT), Mhairi van der Kaars, Natalie Dow, Ellece McCabe Jenny Parry, Jonathan Gibson,

**Co-opted Member:** Donna Stewart

**Apologies:** Lorraine Cameron, (Vice Chair), Krystal McNicol

**Minutes:** Geraldine Totten

**Invited Guests:** Kim Thomson-Kerr and Lorna Douglas, Trainee Psychologists (SLC)  
Mr A Carle (Parent attending Attachment Talk by Psychologists)

**Welcome & Apologies** - SM welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting and shared apologies received.

**Previous Minutes.**

Proposed – SM

Seconded – MvdK

MM introduced Kim and Lorna to the Parent Council Group. Both ladies then shared a presentation of Attachment Informed and Trauma Sensitive practice.

A short Q&A ensued after the presentation. The ladies also requested feedback on the presentation. It was agreed to send out the QR code to all present. Leaflets were also made available – A-Z Attachment.

**SLC Budget Consultation Part 2**

MM thanked those who took part in this consultation. Short discussion ensued regarding budget cuts and the potential loss of the village hall. JG advised that a working group SCIO had been set up, to take the hall on as a community asset. Although it is early days, JG advised that the hall would remain open for another year whilst these talks were ongoing.

MM explained some of the budget savings and the impact that these would have on the school. ND advised that the survey contained very direct questions, very job specific questions. JG said the consultation regarding the hall also had very direct questions.

MM advised that Carole McKenzie (Director of Education) had attended the last Lanark Learning Community Inservice Day and had given a talk to all teachers and leaders within the Learning Community about the proposed cuts/savings, while also reflecting on the many positives we have within SLC.

**Parent Locality Meeting**

ND shared some feedback from the notes she made at this meeting – **Appendix 1.**

MM advised how PEF funding worked and how some schools used their PEF money to pay for staff, librarians etc. MM advised that the £70m savings would be over three years. Short discussion ensued over cuts and spending.

**HT Report – See Appendix 2.**

MM shared the HT report and answered any relevant questions to her report.

**Homework consultation – Appendix 3**

**Anti-Racism Meeting – Appendix 4**

**Children's Rights Update**

RB shared a PowerPoint presentation on Children's Rights with all present. She then explained about the different RRS Awards that Underbank have started to consider and the plans of her committee in the coming months. She also shared the intention to work alongside another school on part of the accreditation.

### **Funding**

No funding update.

### **AOCB**

No items added to the agenda, but a short discussion ensued regarding how well used the uniform bank is. JP encouraged all present to have a bit of a 'rummage' through the uniform which will be on display at the Parents Consultations in March. She said that seeing others looking through what's available might encourage others, who don't want to feel uncomfortable or 'noticed' having a look.

MM advised that we recently had Mrs Maureen Farr from HQ in school to look at the newly refreshed Cost of the School Day Policy. Mrs Farr was highly impressed by the Uniform Bank system that we have put in place and how this was managed. MM commented that Mrs Stewart is invaluable in this process. DS shared how the Uniform Bank is accessed and how discrete the process is.

MM advised that our KUA fund process was a focus of Mrs Farr's discussion during this meeting and after this was fully explained, including that the parental contributions are entirely voluntary, then this was deemed as acceptable and innovative of our school community.

**Date of next meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 at 18:30pm**