

**Annbank Primary School Parent Council minutes for the meeting held on
Thursday 26th April at 14:00 in the school staff room.**

In attendance

Mrs Butchart, Sara Stewart, Beverley Waite, Catriona Smith

Apologies

Gayle Carmichael, Kirsty McCallum, Carol Douglas, Sharon Andrew, Wendell Alexander, Alex and Louise Howat, Kirsty Keenan, Kerry Green, Fiona Compton, Lisa Marie Cavens, Mel Miller, May Bickerton

1. Treasurer Report

Lisa-Marie was absent so Sara reported on the accounts. The balance as of 13th April was £2,025.81. This is a healthy balance going in to the summer term. It was asked if we could apply for charity status, this will be looked in to it again.

2. Mrs Butchart's School Report

The nursery will soon be extending to offer spaces to 2-3 year olds, and as such two new staff are starting; Ms M Taylor and Mr J Le Masurier. There is also a new maths teacher starting in the school, Mr S Morrow, who will be supporting P1-7.

There was a staff meeting on Weds 25th April, and the staff would like to pass on their thanks to all parents and pupils who took part in the flower festival, it took three days to deliver all of the flowers!

Reports are due out on Fri 27th April.

West FM are featuring Annbank Primary as their school of the week w/c Mon 30th April. . The pupils to be featured on the radio all week.

The nursery hours are being extended to offer 140 hours and to take children from age 2. The new hours will be 8:15-12:45 and 13:15-17:45. From August 2018 the nursery will be open for 52 weeks a year, in line with most private nurseries. It will close for public holidays, but specific details will be published at a later date.

The P1 rooms have nearly finished being decorated. They are much more welcoming to young children now and have been decorated in a similar style to the nursery to aid pupil transition in to the school. New furniture has been purchased, and as soon as the rooms are ready the intention is to move the P1's over to the new rooms for the remainder of the school year.

3. Parent Appointments

We need to re-advertise for assistance in running the tuck shop at the parent evenings. Mrs Butchart has said there may be staff available to help if needed. There is no book club this time, as it was thought twice a year would be excessive, so it will be annually at the winter parent evening.

4. Family Picnic

Active Schools will run family activities in the cage. The ice-cream, pocket money toy stand and bingo will all run again after the success of last year. The zorb suits popped, so we are hiring some sumo suits along with the bouncy castle. It had been suggested to book Owl Magic for the day at £150, but Mrs Tonner has found Bunny Love who will cost only £60, and offer the children a chance to handle the animals. The giant milking cow should be available this year. We are contacting the police and fire departments to see if they could attend. Mr McGillivray has volunteered to go in the gunge tank, but another volunteer is needed so that the children can vote! Mr Campbell will be a DJ again. Ayr United will be contacted about a football target game, and a climbing wall will also be enquired about.

5. Nursery Ties

Sara will confirm numbers and order the ties for the nursery graduation.

6. Any Other Business

It has been noted that attendance for an afternoon Parent Council Meeting has not been good, and as such meetings in the future will alternate between morning and evenings.

The children have been asked during assembly to consider where they might like to go for the whole school trip this summer. Despite the choice of Craig Tara last year causing concern amongst parents initially, it was thoroughly enjoyed by the children and a cost-effective option for the school.

After school clubs resume soon for the final term of this school year.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday 23rd May at 7pm in the staff room.