

# BJHS Parent Council

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## Minutes of the Parent Council AGM held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, at 6pm, Baltasound Junior High School.

Mrs Karen Gray      Mrs Lauren Spence      Mrs Vaila Thomason      Mrs Lisa Johnson  
Mr Duncan Johnson  
Mr Paul Thomson      Miss Hazel Sinclair

### Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Jane Macaulay, Matthew Cox, Linda Thomson and Victoria Mouat.

### Minutes of the Last Meeting

Read and approved.

### Matters Arising from Minutes

None

### Members / Office Bearers

Murray and Erika Brown stepped down from Baltasound PC as their youngest son has moved on to the AHS to S5. All other parent members will remain on in the group.  
Matthew Cox will stay on as Chair and Jane Macaulay will remain co-opted.  
Duncan Johnson joined as a parent member.

### Overview of Parent Council Activities:

The Parent Council have been involved in many activities including;  
SWOT Analysis  
Working Groups  
Farmers' Market/Raffle  
Concert/Raffle

### School Improvement Plan

Improving Numeracy Attainment & Engagement  
Our Curriculum  
Our Environment – Pupil Council to invite Parent Council for a look around the school areas to see where improvements could be made? Mosaic outside the main entrance is shabby/tired – could it be repaired?

**BALTASOUND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**  
*Peerie School, Big Dreams*  
**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2023/2024 - BJHS**

<b>Improving Numeracy Attainment &amp; Engagement</b> To improve our numeracy attainment and increase numeracy opportunities - inspiring our pupils to engage and enjoy numeracy. To promote numeracy activities with parents and families.	<b>Our Curriculum</b> To refresh our curriculum and better reflect the needs of learners. To develop opportunities for Interdisciplinary Learning. To refresh What Makes Our School Unique.	<b>Our Environment</b> To improve the quality of our learning spaces, our corridors and social areas as well as our outdoor areas. To ensure our school environment is a place that inspires all of us to learn.
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**We are ready, respectful and safe.**

## **Staffing**

Baltasound is now a 3 teacher primary, with better class sizes, hopefully this will continue next year. Mrs Fordyce is in Nursery for 1.5 days per week, 2 days P1/2 and 0.5 day in P3/4. Mrs Johnson is 3 days in P1/2 and 1 day in P5-7. Miss Corry is 4 days in P5-7 + 1 probationer day. June Ward will be staying on to teach Home Economics for the whole of this academic year. Business/Admin will continue to be covered by Paul which will mean extra LSW's will continue to be brought in as needed.

## **Open Night**

Games Night – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

A relaxed games night/social evening where there are musical items in the background. Maybe ask Geoffrey for some of the games which are used for summer fayres. Stalls? Lower Primary would be interested in running an enterprise stall. The Parent Council will help organise and serve the teas.

## **Floating Holiday**

Not set. Paul will liaise with Mark Lawson in Mid Yell.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Baltasound Parent Council will be after the October Holiday.

## **AOCB**

### School Concert

Possible nursery & primary basic nativity, with sketches for older students and a theme to tie it together? Discussion followed with various ideas/possibilities. This item will be discussed with the pupil council later this week.