



Cluny Primary School

Parent Council Meeting

7th May 2025

In attendance Laura Smith HT, Nicole Barrett, Stephanie Gerrie, Amy Stewart, Meghan Skene, Kelly Buchan

Apologies Sonya Warren, Chloe Cormack, Lori Thain

Agenda	
Head Teacher Update	• Parents evenings went well. Not as busy as previous years but assume parents were happy with reports. • P7 Residential trip went well, positive feedback from outfit Moray around our pupils behaviour and participation. • Health Week has been organised for the week beginning 16th of June – all parent helpers welcome. Sports Day 18th of June, back up of 25th June. • Discussed celebrating diversity with staff and pupils – suggestions of dressing in flag colours and watching “Ian” short film. • Bikeability running week beginning 9th of June for P4 and P6 • Swimming sessions running this term for P4 and P5 • Positive feedback around SumDog. This has now been purchased and used for numeracy homework. • Other feedback from homework survey was that spelling activities can be repetitive – will be doing work around this • Staffing – no new staff. Sfl job will be advertised as Mrs Clark is retiring. • School roll dropping this year with 64 P7s moving on – will be going down to 12 classes. • SIP Priorities are – Curriculum Development, Raising Attainment, Parental Engagement. All ideas welcome. • Currently reviewing end of year progress and setting new priorities for 2025-26 – all ideas welcome. • Pupil council are raising money for a climbing wall, with £700 raised already. RagBags to be returned by 15th May. • Continuing to track attendance and following ASG guidance – parents/carers contacted when attendance dips from 90%. Similarly, making contact when pupils are regularly late. • P6 Digital leaders are on their way to completing their online digital profiles and we will be rolling this out across school next year. • The School website now has a calendar with all key dates listed. We are sharing class learning this way too. (Nicole noted you can import this calendar in to your phone calendar to “sync” the dates to your phone which is useful).
Vacant Positions – Chair and Vice Chair	• Nicole will be stepping down from Chair at the end of this term due to her son moving on to the High School. It is imperative that at least the Chair role is filled, if not both Chair and Vice Chair, as otherwise Parent Council will disband again.

& Attendance at PC Meetings	• The possibility of approaching Friends of Cluny (FOC) was discussed as it would be an option to try merge these groups again, although previously unsuccessful. This works well in other schools and would hopefully boost attendance. Meghan happy to discuss this with FOCs role-holding members. • Ideally, we are looking to have at least one representative from each year group attending meetings so that views are being shared from across the school. • Nicole has asked if we can have information about Parent Council sent out to the new Primary 1's ahead of them starting school – Laura advised this would be doable. Will look to send info ahead of starting in August.
Glass at Infants Playground	• Lori had given apologies for this meeting but gave update that she contacted Grays Recycling as a concerned parent, who is also a customer of theirs, and they had assured that the glass would be dealt with. Meghan commented that this has been effective with no further issues since.
Swimming Lessons	• Lori had given apologies for this meeting but gave word that she had no update as everything is currently planned out – she is looking to talk with Kathryn at the pool during summer time when they are organising the swimming for the year and will provide further update then.
Active Schools Awards	• Chloe had given apologies for this meeting but shared that after looking into this, Cluny has been accredited with a Bronze Award. • Next steps have been highlighted and what areas need improvement to achieve Silver award as below; • <i>“Ensuring we provide extra curricular activities for each age and stage throughout the year. Create better links with clubs within the community. Create more opportunities to recognise and reward commitment to sport. Create a sports committee with members from each year group. Encourage staff to undertake CLPL related to sport.”</i> • Next year the school will be looking at leadership opportunities, with a sports committee being set up to help lead this across the school.
Fundraising	• A crazy hair day is being arranged for the end of Health Week – with the aim to celebrate diversity. This will be an optional donation – 20th June possible date. • P7s left over money from their fundraising will be going to the pupil council to choose where this is spent. • Meghan spoke of an idea to organise an old style old school fete – a bouncy castle, face painting, stalls etc – promoting community for the school. We would need a date set so this would be something to work towards, although too late for this term now.
Updates from BCHS Parent Council	• Nicole attended the Buckie High School Parents council meeting – they have spoken of the need for young pupil voice to be included when discussions are being held around the future of Buckie High School. They would look at the potential to work with local Buckie ASG primary schools for this in the future.

AOCB	● Stephanie noted that some parents have voiced that while children enjoyed book week and celebrating reading this year, not having the traditional “Dress up” for World Book Day was a big miss. ● Meghan praised that Homework Club has been a really positive addition to Cluny which is being enjoyed by pupils attending, as is the new sumdog app. ● Celebrating success is also a positive addition, pupils are enjoying showing their achievements at assembly. ● Laura spoke of the hope to get more parents/carers in to the school – this may be to join in with working on tasks with their children, or to paint benches/fences etc. Stephanie mentioned this may be something the Boys Brigade would be interested in assisting with for their older attendees when working towards badges for community etc but we would need to approach and ask. ● Meghan spoke of the recent cross country event – with Cluny pupils doing fantastic as school representatives. It was felt by parents that other schools had various things that Cluny was missing – nice new sports kits, banners and flags. This is something fundraising could be put towards – could also be a focus for the Sports Committee if this is happening after summer.
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Next meeting: 19th of June at 7pm