

Bellsquarry Parent Council

Info for school website

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Who are we?

We are a group of people who participate in and organise events to support Bellsquarry Primary School & Nursery. We consist of parents & guardians, school, community council and West Lothian council representatives.

We provide a very effective link between the school and the wider parent forum. The Parent Council is always keen to welcome new members.

We meet formally around six times during the school year and organise a variety of social and fundraising activities to provide the school and nursery with additional funds to enhance the learning experience for all children. We also support the school in parental involvement initiatives.

Current Committee Members

Ruth McMaster (Head teacher)
Colin Hunter (Principal teacher)
Jackie Marra (School Admin)
Paul Keegan (PC chair)
Jon Reid (PC vice-chair)
Linda Hennessy (PC treasurer)
Laura Archibald (PC secretary)
Scott Tucker
Lorna Stewart
Gemma Gough
Fiona Beveridge
Paul Moffat
Eliza Mather
Pauline McCourt
Sylwia Szindler
Nikki Cooper
Pauline Bird
Katharine O'Callaghan
Christine Hay (Community Council)

Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick usually joins for the second half of the meeting and provides an update on council matters of interest to parents and the school.

Where & when do we meet?

We meet at the school approximately every 6 weeks although this depends on school availability and other cluster activities.

The meetings for this academic year as follows:

- 10th September 2018 (AGM)
- 29th October 2018
- 3rd December 2018
- 28th January 2019
- 26th March 2019 (Tuesday)
- 13th May

Meetings are on a Monday evening and at 19:00-20:30 unless stated otherwise.

How do I join?

- All parents are automatically members of the Parent Forum.
- If you wish to join the committee please contact one of the existing committee members.
- Attend a Parent Council meeting
- The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held each year at the beginning of the academic year. This is when committee members and office bearers are normally elected.

What do we do?

- We meet regularly as a group to discuss progress and concerns of parents and the school
- We fundraise to supplement the school funds and to purchase specific items that the school requires
- We organise social and fundraising events
- We assist the school's decision making processes in relation to educational and safety matters
- We support the school in parental involvement initiatives

How can you contact us?

We can be contacted...

- through the school
- through any committee members
- via our Bellsquarry PS Parent Council Facebook group