



**West Coats Primary
Parent Council Meeting
Thursday 15 January 2026
7pm School Hall**

MINUTES

Present: Mireia Ferrer (Chair), Sarah O'Donnell (Vice Chair) Tom Lauckner (Treasurer), Marina Scott (Secretary) Kim Campbell, Leona McPherson, Helen Whiteford
Head Teacher and Senior Leadership Team – Kirsty Duff and Tom Hamilton

Apologies: James Cheyne, Pauline Morrison, Tammy Gilpin

1. PC Exec Team Welcome and Report

- Happy New Year to everyone
- Congratulations to the Winter Fayre Team for raising such a fantastic sum
- Busy festive period – all enjoyable. Feedback forms a great idea
- Prompt delivery of learning overviews for each class on Parents Portal welcomed
- We are in a privileged position in terms of contributions – looking at spending the money on arts, music, sport and travel.

2. Treasurer Report

- Balance at last meeting (11th November 2025) **£8,533.41** – New Balance **£13,729.39**
- Full report available for anyone who wants to see it. Please email the PC (email address at bottom of Minutes)
- Winter Fayre – generated over £9k
- Higher expenditure at Fayre – to be reviewed. Plans in place for 2026 Winter Fayre already.
- £1040 – literacy and Oral Resources given to school
- Basketball hoops purchased and to be installed
- Card readers are now being used by the school for donations during events
- School Lottery - £150 approx. per month being generated

- Treasurers account to be replaced by a Community Account if possible. This will allow us to do digital banking and 2 debit cards as well as a pay in book and a cheque book. Debit card would have a smaller limit

3. Head Teacher's Report

- Infant enrollment has started for August – 28 enrolled so far
- Postcard sent to each child from their Buddy
- Laura Miller has started her phased return
- Miss Simpson will stay to provide cover for Shauna Sloan
- Choir is up and running – match funding secured. 10 week block in school then 10 weeks after school. P3's will start soon. This will then move on to P5's and P6's
- 20 Bicycles have arrived from Play together on Pedals. St Paul's Youth Forum
- CamGlen working with the children to make Podcasts. Plan for children to make a monthly Podcasts – Resources needed
- Scottish Visits – tweaked destinations to allow Historic Scotland funding for transport....New Lanark, Bannockburn, Rothesay Castle etc.
- Big Days Out – Briarlands Farm (P1-3), older classes still finalising plans
- School Grounds Team needed to spruce up the outside area (flowers etc.) Potential for Grow73 to collaborate. If anyone interested please contact the school.
- Potential for indoor Car Boot Sale – tables for sale and people can bring stuff from home to sell or a car boot sale in the car park during the P6 summer fayre.
- Feedback Survey of Festive Fortnight – overall mostly positive. Perhaps a few too many events in a short period of time. Hoping this year to have less events in November and simplify the Festive Fortnight by merging some events and by doing so reducing the financial pressure on parents.

4. Digital Communications – Follow Up

- Term dates and calendar leaflets were welcomed
- Having all details in one place would be ideal
- Prompt Learning Overviews through Parents Portal and website were welcomed.
- Parents Portal – there may be a workaround so that only one child in a family receives a notification for each event etc. unless it's a class specific notification.
- Remove reference to 'X' from Website as we are no longer using this platform.

5. Resources Requested

- Music Stands
- Musical Instruments
- Basketball Hoops
- Football Goals – new ones required
- PVG Lanyards for volunteers
- Washing Machine / Dryer
- Chess club
- 'Strong Like a Mutha' workshops for children lifting weights safely
- Art Workshops / Graffiti
- 2 x Megaphones for playground £94.00 each

- Voice recorder for each class – for practicing reading aloud - £16.64 each
- Lapel mics for shows
- Camglen shopping list for P6 podcasts - £835.00. Deck, 4 microphones, 4 sets of headphones, 4 cables
- Choir contribution - £600.00
- Food Technology – peelers, knives, boards etc (£200 - £300 approx.)
- Piano stand – wheels need replaced
- Violin lessons – potentially to start earlier (P4)

6. Valentines Day Bingo Night

- 20th February 2026
- Community event
- £70 to hire the Rugby Club
- Tom Lauckner will be the Bingo Caller
- BYO – cheeseboard, charcuterie board. Drinks to be purchased at club
- Dabbers will be available to buy
- Prizes - .8 x full house prizes, 8 x 2 lines prizes, 8 x 1 line prizes

7. Road Safety Update

- - There still hasn't been any reply from South Lanarkshire Council about alternative traffic calming interventions after we put in our feedback in the autumn. They outlined a timeframe of one month but it has been at least three. Their plan to take some action on Brownside Road was very welcome after such a long time campaigning so we didn't want to appear impatient or push things too hard, but it has been a long time so we will ask Clare Haughey MSP and Michael Shanks MP to seek an update on our behalf.
- Cambuslang Community Council has been pushing the South Lanarkshire Council for action on dangerous speeding as well after a member of the community council was involved in (yet another) crash near the junction of Brownside Road and Greenlees Road. The council responded with emails very similar to the ones they sent us in the initial stages of our campaign. All steps to keep this a community wide, joined up campaign are really welcome.
- Our community police officer was out during drop off in the days after our press campaign which was very welcome. The Police also used the speed gun once after our press campaign. So we do need to speak to them about getting ongoing and meaningful action to tackle dangerous speeding
- Thank you again to everyone who puts out the cones. It's a really impressive, ongoing team effort which is hopefully still having an impact on the parking situation.

8. AOB

- Still a lot of cars parked near the school idling / engines turned on. This is illegal so we kindly ask that all parents turn off their engines when parked near the school.

Next meeting – Tuesday 10 March at 7pm, School Hall

Minutes prepared by Marina Scott

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