

Caerlaverock primary school parent council AGM 12th September 2023

Apologies: Jean O'Toole, Mrs Thompson

Present: Mrs Scriven, Mrs Caprani, Mrs McGinley, Ami Aindow (Chair), Paula Kirkpatrick, Lauren Turner, Kirstin Cowan, Lyndsey Henderson, Karen Grieve, Ann-Marie Walker

Minutes: Approved, no actions need to be completed.

Finance:

- Current balance £786.14
- £200 grant has not been received from last year.
- After several years of service Lyndsey is stepping down as treasurer Rebecca Johnston will take her place.
- The parent council raises most funds from Bonus Ball – this needs to be advertised to all parents, there is low take up in the P1-4 class.
- The What's app group will be used to provide updates on the bonus ball.

Confirming positions on parent council:

- Amy Aindow – Chair
- Lauren Turner – Secretary
- Rebecca Johnston (incoming) – Treasurer
- Bonus Ball – Paula Kirkpatrick

Headteacher report:

- School roll is currently 28 (P1-4 13 pupils, P5-7 15 pupils).
- Staffing
 - Teaching – Mrs Thomson / Mrs Caprani / Mrs McGinley / Mrs Boyd
 - Non-teaching – Mrs Wightman / Mrs Spence / Mrs Bonar / Mrs Jackson / Mr McQueen
- Learning and Teaching:
 - Meet the teacher Event – Wednesday 6th September – 2.30pm-3pm, this was a great success to meet the new team.
 - Captains and Vice-Captains selected for both schoolhouses.
 - P4 swimming will be running in November.
 - Active Schools have been running a lunchtime club this term and this has improved attendance.
- Brownrock Partnership
 - Brownhall PTA has suggested a joint Halloween Party to be held at the Barbour Hall and this was agreed by Caerlaverock PTA. Brownhall hosted a joint Christmas party at Kingholm Quoy hall last year, this was a great success. Discussion around whether a Halloween Party was the most appropriate, given the children would have two late nights in a row following guising. Agreed to gauge opinion on school What's app group regarding whether we should host a Christmas or Halloween party.
- Community Partnership
 - The school's involvement in the Barbour Hall Christmas fayre was discussed, it was agreed this should continue.

- The CCA has offered to host a movie night for pupils at the Barbour Hall, it was agreed that this was very kind and the pupils would enjoy this.
- A meeting with the Community Council Chair is to be arranged to discuss potential partnerships continuing and being developed, now the school's staffing has significantly changed.
- School Improvement Plan
 - Talked about the priorities for this session are:
 - Develop Parental Involvement and Engagement Strategy
 - Inclusive Learning
 - Achievement across the curriculum
 - Maintenance – Develop Digital Skills
 - An overview is provided on the school notice board near the school gate.

Any other business: Wednesday is the best day for the parent council as all teachers are able to make it.

Date of next meeting: 8th November 2023 (TBC)