

## **Caerlaverock Primary School Parent Council Minutes – 10/09/2024**

**Present:** Ami Andlow, Carla Young, Darren Young, Kyle Johnstone, Rebecca Johnstone, Kirstin Cowan, Paula Kirkpatrick, Mellissa McKinnell, Karen Scriven, Mrs McCubbin

**Treasurer report:** Current balance on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 £685.26.

**Bonus Ball:** 35 people were signed up to BB before the summer holidays, not 30 signed up. The reduction is likely due to the large number of students moving on to high school.

### **Head teachers report:**

#### *Staffing:*

- We welcome Mrs McCubbin new probation teacher.
- Teaching: Mrs Thomson (4 days) / Mrs Caprani (4 days) / Mrs Mc Cubbin (Probationer) / Mrs White
- Non-teaching: Mrs Spence / Mrs Bonar / Mr McQueen / Mrs Jackson / Jackie McKie
- Staff Retirements: Mrs Wightman, support for learning allocation now reduced to 4 hours across Brownrock.
- Loss of learning assistant will impact student learning support and cover across the partnership. Discussion surrounding how parents can support school. Discussion included:
  - Can parents help to cover school trips, for example Dumfries House?
  - Can older members of the community help? ACTION Ask community council.
  - Costs will be incurred for this as a PVG check is needed costing £25 per person.
  - Cover from student teachers, but there are issues with sourcing help.

#### *School roll*

P1-3 = 11 and P4-7 = 12, total = 23

#### *Learning and Teaching:*

Meet the teacher invites – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 3pm-3.30pm

- School Improvement Plan Progress 2023-24 discussed.
- School Improvement Plan 2024-25 discussed.
- Head Teacher attending HMle preparing Brownhall for Inspection training lined to the 4 Quality Indicators
- Term One meeting with Quality Insurance Officer, Jess Burnett – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September.
- Learning Assistant allocation has dropped considerably since last session. This will impact on the interventions that we have in place for literacy and numeracy to raise attainment.

#### *Partnership Working:*

1. 'Brownrock' Partnership School Improvement Plan Developments
2. Active Schools / Sport
3. Lunchtime Clubs / Playground leaders with Murray
4. Boccia Tournament – this will take place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October with Hayley and Courtney Scriven who is our coach representative from Dumfries and Galloway Disability Sport

*PIES (Parental Involvement and Engagement Strategy)*

- Continue with the successful 'Caerlaverock Chatter' sessions. Two dates for this term: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2pm-3pm and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - 2pm-3pm.

*Pupil Groups*

Captains and Vice-Captains / Junior Road Safety Officers – all shared in schools newsletter.,

**Parent Council appointments:**

- Chair: transferred from Ami Andlow to Kyle Johnstone. Thanks to Ami for her time as chair.
- Treasurer: Rebecca Johnstone to continue.
- Secretary: Lauren Turner to continue, but happy to stand down.
- Vice-chair: Mellissa McKinnell to take on role.
- Bonus Ball: Paula Kirkpatrick, but will be leaving the school at the end of this year.

**AOB:**

- School courts need resurfacing, what is the agreement with the council regarding this? Would the Robin Rig / Coastal Funding be possible.
- A Brownrock and Caerlaverock football match maybe a good idea.