

Catrine Primary School Parent Council

Meeting Date 7th March 2017

Present: Karen Shirkie (Chair), Hilary Sharpe (Treasurer), Alison Wright – AW - (Acting Head Teacher), Roberta Schendel (Principal Teacher), Jill Ferguson (teacher), Carol Leitch, George Murphy, Alison Templeton, Marina Larkcombe, Elaine Wilson and Fiona McKinnon (Secretary)

In attendance: Erin Shirkie and Martha Andrew – representatives of pupil council

Apologies: Carol Clark

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Minutes of previous meeting: Nominated by Carol Leitch, seconded by Elaine Wilson

Secretary report: No correspondence received

Pupil council: Discussion also took place regarding leavers hoodies – there are 14 P7's this year. Primary 7 pupils plan to carry out some fundraising for part of the costs. George will discuss with Donsport re sample sizes and colour samples. P7's will discuss colours and design ideas.

Internet safety has been discussed in school to ensure safety of children. All children should now have a glow blog, parents are encouraged to look at and comment on these.

There has been some discussion between pupils and staff to describe what makes an excellent lesson? There are plans to make assemblies more motivational. The aim is to work towards the Auchinleck Academy lessons and to use Shanarri (safe, healthy, active, nurtured, achieving, respected, responsible and included) targets.

Word aware

Dawn McMahon from EAST provided some information on word aware. There are 3 schools participating so far. Initially starts with P1 & P2/3. The next steps are to buy books and cobuild dictionaries. There is a widget programme available to buy and some discussion is required regarding this.

The EAST team plans to have an Easter Bunny drive to raise funds for some resources for word aware in the school, and the EAST team are looking for parental involvement.

Head Teacher Report

Money has been given to each school to raise attainment. Catrine PS has been given £26k. This is linked to the number of pupils receiving free school meals. There will be discussion with parents and pupils on how best to use this money for attainment raising.

Alison met with Alan Ward (Director of Education) today. There has been lots of good work carried out in Catrine PS over the last few months. New Headteacher post will be advertised soon and extra staffing should be available next year to allow Roberta to dedicate time to Principal Teacher role. There may be a different management structure within the nursery temporarily.

AOCB

Fundraising disco will be held Wednesday 22nd April 7pm – 830pm. Fiona to organise flyers. £2 per ticket, pay at door. Adult has to collect child after disco. P7 pupils will sell glow sticks as part of their fundraising.

Next meeting dates:

2nd May 2017