***New Cumnock Primary School***

***Parent Council Meeting***

***Tuesday 24th September 2024 at 6pm***

**Attendees:** Joanna McMurdo (Head Teacher), Steph Brown (secretary), Lisa Scott (treasurer), Michelle McCornick, Marion Frew & Sam White

**Apologies:** Louise Young, Danielle McNulty (PT), Heather Johnston, Carmin Ward & Christina Mackie

1. **Welcome**
2. **Approval of Mins**
3. ***Chairpersons Report:***

*A new chairperson has not been elected for this current year due to Kerry Cooper’s sudden step down from this position therefore the group updated as whole.*

 **Agreed Dates for the year:**

* Halloween Disco – Wednesday 30th October P1-3: 6-7pm / P4-7: 7.15-8.15pm
* Christmas Fayre – Sat 30th November - 10am-12pm / £10 per stall
* Valentines Disco – **are the P7s doing one? JM to check**
* Easter Bingo – Wednesday 26th March – 6pm eyes down 6.30pm
* Summer Fayre – Saturday 7th June - 10am-12pm

The group spoke about the Development Trust Application Form. The criteria for the grant is very restricted. The group asked JM if there is anything else that the school needed. JM to check with staff – Pantomime buses? Breakfast Club? Garden Club?

1. **Treasurers Report:**

*Lisa Scott updated the group on how the finances were looking. The group agreed that they had a healthy balance to start the year.*

**Balance** - **£4159.36**

There are two outgoing balances pending:

* £75.80 pending for Naomi’s Football Shield
* £134 Connect
1. **Appointments of new Parent Council Members:**

Appointments had already been discussed at the AGM in May 2024. However, there is an opening for a new chairperson to take over. The group will discuss with each other & should have a new appointment in place for the next meeting.

**Chair:**

**Secretary:** *Steph Brown will take over Aug 2024*

**Treasurer:** Lisa Scott will continue this role

1. **Head Teachers Report:**

JM updated the group on this term so far.

* The Panto is booked, fundraiser needed to pay for this asap.
* The school were granted £10,000 from NCDT for the breakfast club but they had to partially fund this themselves for the remainder of the year. The school are planning a sponsored event again soon to raise fund to run this. Possible donations from supermarkets of food? LS to investigate this.
* Kerry Cooper has resigned as chairperson due to ill health.
* JM discussed the School Improvement Plan with their 4 main priorities – **Attendance** being the main focus. JM updated about how the impact of covid had affected the ‘choice’ of attending school. Many parents seemed to think this was optional. The school are hoping to raise awareness of the importance of attending school & plan to introduce a campaign to implement positive change. PC to give feedback.

**Listening & Talking** – school evaluation has pulled up inconsistencies in this area. Donna Clark to lead, looking at how talking & listening is evaluated. They are hoping to provide a ‘sharing good practice’ session for staff.

**Leadership** – JM spoke about wanting to promote leadership within the school as she feels this is something NCPS is good at. The school aim to build a leadership framework for the school & provide opportunities for staff & children to be involved in as they feel there is room for improvement. Some staff are not keen to lead but JM is hopeful about trying to encourage staff to lead in small areas they are comfortable in.

**Nurture / Relationship Policy** – JM spoke about how there had been a huge input around wellbeing & supporting children but asked who is supporting the staff? The aim is to develop a wellbeing policy for staff, putting in place supports & strategies that can be accessed. As a school they are hoping to develop formal & informal supports. JM stated she was very fortunate to have a strong staff cohort who support each other.

**JM to ask DM to upload the document to the Parent Council Facebook page for the group to read**.

* JM informed the group of the upcoming council Learning Visit on Wed 9th & 10th October. An update of the format of the two days was given. JM explained that there would be team of 5. They would take a tour of school & be given a presentation on learning, teaching & assessment on the Wed morning. They would then spend the remainder of the day in & out classes. Finishing with a meeting with teaching staff then a meeting with JM & GH. On Thurs they will continue with class observations & hold a pupil focus group with P4-7. They will then receive a presentation on Leadership of change followed by a meeting with all CA’s, secretary etc. A group of parents have been asked to attend a meeting with the visitors on the Thurs afternoon. Feedback will then be given in three areas.
* JM discussed how delighted she was that the school & DM were presented with Scots awards recently.
1. **AOCB:**
* A discussion was held about the appointment of a new chairperson.
* Steph Brown is to be added on to sign cheques.
* JM showed the group the new cupboard space for safe keeping of PC belongings in the staffroom.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 19th November**