**Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 8th November 2023 at 7pm in Catrine Games Hall**

**Present**: Judith Govans – HT , Roberta Schendel - DHT, Jill Ferguson – Teacher, Vicki Laing, Dawn Kilday – Chair, Maureen Fulton – Secretary, Gillian Pyman , Amy Paterson, Ashley Shankland - Treasurer

**Apologies**: Kimberly Lennox, Claire Wilson, Bonnie Reynolds and Lauren Ferrans

**Welcome** – Dawn welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for there continuous support.

**Chair’s Report** - Dawn suggested getting our own Bookers card for when we’re organising events – Maureen will arrange email and Judith will provide letter head to cover this.

**Treasurer’s Report** –

Ashley arranged payment to the school regarding helping with costs to the cinema for the school Xmas trip. £274.00

Adding in what was made at the Halloween disco the total balance is : £1703.85.

It was discussed and agreed that the Parent Council would donate 2X £25 Smyths vouchers to be won at the Christmas Service

Approved: Vicki

Seconded: Amy

Headteacher report for 08.11.23

**School update** – all going well. New pupils are all settled and school roll is now 136 – the highest it has been for over a decade.

**Staffing** – Miss McLean in P4/5 finishes for her maternity leave at Christmas. HT and DHT interviewing in two weeks for someone to start mid January. Changes in P3/4 – Mrs McCaig will be in Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday with Miss Caughie in Thursday/Friday. Miss Caughie will be focusing on timetabled pupil support for three days per week. BA4 student in P5/6 with Mrs Campbell – Miss Higgins – doing very well.

**Term 2 dates** – full list on Glow and app – regularly updated

**October Parents Night** – 96% uptake which is great

**Homework consultation** – views are split 50/50 for and against. HT will collate responses and share them on Glow. Homework consultation still under review.

**In Term 2 we’ve already had …**

* P5/6 and P6/7 – rugby sessions with Cumnock Rugby Club
* P1/2 – 3 week after school sports club
* P3/4 – 3 week after school sports club
* 2nd Committee Group meeting – great plans being made by all groups
* 2nd Home Circles – focusing on Rights Respecting School articles
* Tracking and Monitoring this week – HT and DHT meet with all staff to discuss individual progress of every pupil, review ASN support and needs, update targets

**Coming up …**

* Book Week
* Literacy Open Morning
* Ukulele after school club for Music Committee Group
* Children in Need Dress Down Day – no charge
* John Muir Outdoor Learning Day #2
* Lantern making sessions with CCAP and Sorn PS
* JRSO – Be Bright Be Seen Dress Down Day – no charge
* Committee Groups #3
* Home Circles #3
* School Christmas dinner
* Christmas Fayre
* House reward party
* 3 x Christmas parties
* Christmas service and nativity
* Whole school trip to movies (it was highlighted on Parentpay that the PC were donating £2 per child to keep costs down)

**Poverty proofing strategies**

* Hallowe’en costume swap shop
* Christmas jumper swap shop
* Warm Packs application form on GLOW and app
* ‘Night Before Christmas’ application form on GLOW and app

**Events and Dates in school-**

P6/7 pupils – brass instrument tuition every week

Other focus weeks planned for throughout year – Book Week, Digital Learning, Scottish focus month, Road Safety and Walk to School, World of Work and Health Week

Outdoor Learning Day (now called John Muir Day) – four planned across the year

P7 – Dolphin House residential trip in January 2024 – all P7s signed up

List of Term 2 dates issued after October holiday

**AOCB** –

Amy is going to organise a Car Boot Sale at Catrine Games Hall in December (date to be confirmed).

Maureen will send letters out to business owners for donations for the Parent Council bottle stall at the Christmas Fayre.

**Date of next meeting and AGM**: Wednesday 28th February 2024 at Catrine Games Hall.