

Mount Carmel Primary School



Parent Council

Parent Council Meeting – Tuesday 21st November 2023

Attendees: Andrea Fergusson, Marion Smith, Mairi McGill, Alice Burton, Sister Mabel, Sister Juliet David Richardson, Maureen McKay

Apologies: Maureen McKay, Sarah McDonald, Lesley McLaughlin, Jacqueline McCreddie, Katrina Livingstone

1. Welcome members/Chairperson

MS is going to take over as chair to ensure that we can continue PC/FOMC for the school. The main focus will be on fundraising as per previously discussed.

2. Parent Survey Update

- Recent survey received 8 responses from parent body
- New email group has been set up to ensure all that have requested to be included are.
- Preference for future meeting to be hybrid – face to face & virtual – agreement on futures dates for PC and which are virtual in person to be confirmed with Mrs Fergusson. May alter dates/times also.
- Unknown that there were 2 separate groups and due to numbers of parents involved request to join together – all in agreement. Name of PC to be discussed at next meeting – bank details are FOMC.
- MS to provide updates on PC via FB page

3.HT Update

Learning Visit Update

- Positive experience reinforcing view of school with strengths/areas of development identified in report
- Vision Values & Aims update. In December newsletter & gather feedback from staff/children/parents & local community. Aim to launch in March.
- Consistency in assessment – SAC team support in literacy focus.
- Leadership team – re-establish roles. Leads in areas, professional development time in focus areas.

NW School Improvement Project was rejected at Scottish Govt.

- Learning estate plan under review by EAC.

- Capital budget available to consider for projects

Catholic Education Review

- Parental information and feedback requested via survey/. Link available on school app.

Staff update

- Mrs Crawford seconded to St Andrews primary as interim Depute Head from 1/12. 0.8 backfill position currently out for advert.
- Miss Maitland will take over P6.
- Mrs Travers currently off sick & supply teacher filling
- Mrs Templeton & Miss Morrison successful for clerical role – have increased hours.

4.Fundraising activities

a. Halloween disco made £355

Current funds are £2133 – Lorraine Howat has been added as a full signatory to bank account.

b. Organisation underway for Christmas Fayre on 1/12/23. Choir will start at 6.15 with fayre opening at 6.30. Currently have 9 confirmed stall holders with 3 more to pay. PC will have tombola, bottle, raffle, guess sweets & elf name. School will have children's crafts, school calendars. Tea/coffee, baking stalls in gym hall. Santa will be in meeting room. Set up on day of fayre.

P7s to support at fayre on the night.

5.Future Support

- Mrs Fergusson indicated panto has been a huge cost for the school – PC supporting with cost of transport however will still be short of total cost. May review next years options with parents. Consideration to pay in ParentPay over a number of months or have a company come into school.
- P7 School Hoodies - Miss Morrison will confirm costs & let MS know. PC donation towards total cost
- Nativity support – Teas/Coffees by Parent Council before nativity on 13/14th December.

Next meeting: Date TBC