

In Attendance

Andrea Fergusson (HT)

Marion Smith (chair)

Joanna McGahon (DHT)

Lesley McLaughlin

Jaq McCreddie

Counsellor Elaine Cowan

Counsellor Maureen McKay

Alice Burton

Sarah McDonald

Apologies

Counsellor David Robertson

Lorraine Howat

Mairi McGill

Katrina Livingstone

Parish sisters

1. Previous minutes actions

Infant playground entrance – No update as of yet. Parent council advised that the school should let them know if there is anything that they can support with.

PEF funding – PC Happy to leave the organisation of funding to the school and again offer their support.

Breakfast club – Discussion regarding non-payment of fees. Some of the payments over due have settled their bills. Some of the families are still being supported with this.

2. Parent council steering group update

Meeting took place last week – update given

Non statutory subsidised transport – discussion around funding and pilot that will be starting soon. Important to bring to the Parent Council meeting as bus routes and walking routes will be brought into play. Our new Primary 7 will begin to engage from September onwards. School and MCPC will keep parents updated in how this will affect the P7s moving forward.

Capital budget – various things happening in Local authority – some projects have already began, some due to begin. Future plan of MC being part of refurbishment between 2027 and 2030. This is in the very early stages in terms of what impact this will have in Mount Carmel.

Discussion around secondary leaver attainment – talk regarding the concern of S4 leavers across the authority. Linda McAuley Griffiths wants to speak with HT across the authority to encourage the pupils to stay on at school and achieve as much as they can. LMG wanting primary schools to encourage children to aspire to be the best they can be.

Attendance symposium – Loudoun Academy. EAC 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> bottom for local authorities in terms of attendance for children.

Attendance figures for MC – school have been discussing for many years – breakfast club has been introduced as a result of poor attendance which has had a positive impact on MC attendance (discourages late comers). Although positive impact, school attendance is still not where school would want it to be. Home link worker was an excellent help when tackling attendance; however, school home link worker re-deployed which means that the school office staff have been tasked with monitoring attendance. Attendance letters have been going out over the past few months. School now sends attendance staged letters to families who need support in improving attendance and school are ensuring that support is then provided.

Education service plan – draft has been sent out to HT for review. This helps form individual school plan for refurbishment.

HT report

Father Martin – his passing has had a massive impact on staff and pupils as well as community. Very grateful to father Jim for his support. HT, DHT, Mrs Duff and Mr Bertoncini attended funeral. School want to move forward with a celebration of life for a mass on Friday. Community time will allow the children to give ideas on how we can commemorate Father Martin through some fundraising and some remembrance activities.

Missio 5 star champion – Primary 4 have achieved 5 stars and MC are the 2<sup>nd</sup> school in deanery to achieve this. Gerard from Missio presented the class with ‘Martin Moo’ (highland cow) in memory of Father Martin

HT met with Bishop Frank – supposed to be a meet and greet, discussion developed into how we can develop our understanding of our faith. CLPL discussed for staff. ‘The good shepherd’ leadership programme will be looked at in our school improvement plan. Uplifting day after a difficult week.

Staffing update – Mrs Webb retired. Nicola Pennycook (homelink worker) has been redeployed.

No staffing structure available for next year. At this time we are unsure on whether we can continue to provide our nurture provision. We were hoping to hear last week but have not.

Vision, Values and Aims – Father Jim blessed our vision, values and aims and we will continue to develop these into our every day. At least one certificate from each class is being linked to these new visions every Friday.

School events – School are delighted to have help Matilda auditions last week. Children are engaged across P4 to 7. Staff delighted with number of children who have auditioned. Rehearsals will take place on a Tuesday after school and during the school day a couple of days per week.

Tickets – school going to charge for tickets this year. They will be put onto parent pay. Tickets will be £4 each and they will be allocated to 4 per family.

Community performance – Crossgates, Nursery children, special guests.

Nukleus, Social group and community group that should be invited over for the show (Advertising group to do this)

Money from Parent council – Microphones and new stage – wooden extension not fit for purpose. PC agree it would be good to invest in mics and staging. Happy to go ahead with mics (we only need one of each – handheld and head mic) and with the stage included this would account to around £1700. Parent council are conscious that summer fun day is coming up which usually costs around £500. This would mean that the Parent Council funds would be very depleted but bigger fundraising to be organised in the new school year.

Show – Sweetie cones and juice – at the 2 performances – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June evening performance and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June afternoon performance. Parent council to support this.

HT – School are grateful for all the parent council do for the school. Fundraising and new school sports equipment.

Transition – Welcome Wednesdays to begin next week for new P1s and will take part in our sports day and be invited to the school show. Pastoral visits to take place for some P6 and P5 children.

Forward plans have been given in. Tracking data to be collated.

Robert McCallum will support in school with numeracy. He is the Scottish attainment lead for numeracy. To work closely with staff and SLT.

Primarys 1,2,3 – sharing the learning session. Dates will be found in May newsletter. Curricular updates on the blog.

Staff already discussing end of term reports. These reports are a new format. They are in line with many schools in the authority.

DHT – P1 transition – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May – P1 information evening at 6 o'clock

Fundraising – PC glad that sports equipment has worked out well. A big thank you to Lesley Parent council keen to share with parents what the fundraising money is actually being used for. School to share photos of children using the new equipment on the school blog promoting the Parent council and the work that they do.

Fun day in June – Bouncy castles and ice cream truck. PC organising some fundraising activities to raise some money. Dress down day. Tuck shop. School to speak to vibrant communities to see if they could support with other activities for the fun day.

Future fundraising events – all suggestions to be given to PC

Race nights, psychic nights, community centre can be used, bingo.

Lesley – School still in the running for some grants. School in rolling grant every month. Stem grants available. Some school grants need to be sent to the school so any future ones like that can be sent to Mrs Fergusson.

House raffle – Bring an item that is the colour of your house for raffle.

£3087 in account

Minutes completed by Jacqueline McCreadie

Next parent council meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7pm in school