

Mount Carmel Parent Council Meeting – Tuesday 9th September 2025

Attendees: Andrea Fergusson, Jacqueline McCreadie, Maria McKinnon, Marion Smith, Lesley McLaughlin, Angela Dalglish, Alice Burton, Colette Brown, Councillor Barton.

No previous minutes or outstanding actions for review.

2. PVG Changes Update

- Review of guidance from Volunteer Scotland
- Main requirements of PVG check – Responsibility over decisions made for children, Undertake activities in which members have sole responsibility for children & no school staff present.
- After review of above requirements don't believe that PVG Check is a current requirement of PC members.

3. Buddy Bench

- Consideration for reintroduction of buddy bench in infant/upper playgrounds.
School staff will discuss further with children & feedback to PC.
- Possible funding support from PC if required.

4. HT Update

- Staffing in place for 2025. New staff have joined & working alongside existing class teachers.
- Introduction of Catholic Leadership Development programme – Mrs McKinnon & Mrs Terras have taken opportunity to develop in this programme – will gain SLT experience over programme.
- Assembly Changes have taken place in 25/26; Whole school & class group splits. These will be taken by SLT and class teachers will have NCCT at this time.
- Meet teacher sessions for each class have taken place – PPT will be shared on school app afterwards.
- P7 leading the way on activities to develop values/vision, active schools plan, lunchtime clubs etc.
- Community Groups commencing over coming weeks – all children can have involvement in preferred groups.
- School Improvement Plan submitted to EAC for yr ahead. Feedback from parents/carers incorporated into plan.
- Continuation of whole school nurture approach – Mrs Dunsmore will continue to support embedding this into classrooms. Children can self-refer. Neurodiversity focus with support sessions for staff from educational psychologist.

- School kitchen refurbishment delayed. Was planned to take place over summer break but has been delayed. EAC have not indicated when it will commence or timeframe to be taken.

ACTION – Councillor Barton to gather further information from facilities team and feedback

- Garden Update – impacted by kitchen refurbishment; request of school to PC to ask for extension on completion.

ACTION – MS to request via Tesco blue token for extension on timeframe for completion.

Dates for activities:

- ASN meeting scheduled for early October
- P7 visit to St Josephs 11/9
- Maths Week 23/9 – Mrs Terras organising school activities for week.
- School xmas shows planned into diary – 2 afternoon sessions after feedback from parents and children attendance declined in evening performances.
- Xmas Pantomime planned – initial deposit to be paid by 8/9 due to tickets purchased.

5. Parent & Friends Update

a. Current bank balance - £4172.31; Includes Blue Token funding received so far (£1250)

- Additional Parent added to bank account to ensure additional signatories
- Additional parents added to FB page to support with admin tasks

b. Activities:

- Halloween Disco 30th October; P1-3 6-7pm; P4-7 7.15-8.30pm
- Xmas Fayre 28th November, FB post to be created for interested stall holders, MS contact relevant individuals for involvement in the evening. MS will organise separate planning meeting with PC members nearer meeting date.
- P7 hoodies – Rainbow INK have provided prices – small adult v child sizes. Item to be put on Parentpay and communicated to P7 parents to have orders placed asap. PC will fund £10 per pupil.
- Request from school for PC to support kids xmas crafts funding as per previous yrs – PC confirmed.
- Request from school for money towards xmas party food – School to confirm costs after discussion with kitchen staff.

c. Colour Run consideration for spring/summer 2026. MS to share information shared by Onthank Primary. Ideas to be shared by PC members as to timing of this and how this can be arranged.

6. AOB

- School Crossing Patrol – Janitor not covering, have had no crossing patroller due to annual leave & no cover provided.

ACTION- Councillor Barton to review cover with EAC Facilities.

- P3 Parents concern re children comments made when children changing in class for PE. School will refer to class teachers to resolve.
- MS shared information regarding possible community support at URWelcome Club at OLMC. JMcC will review alongside community group work.

Next Meeting 7th October 2025 (virtual)