

Carnegie Primary School – Parent Council AGM

Wednesday 1st September 2021



Attendees – Julie Journeaux, Donna Parker, Lynette Thomson, Gavin Byrne, Rachel Fraser, Suzanne Bryce, Dene Spalding, Samantha Gunn, Kerryann Sim, Sierra Martin, Ruth Johnston, Michelle Humphries, Tiera Byrne

Apologies – Leah Harper, Fiona Cassidy, Nadia Hogg

WELCOME

Gavin welcomed everyone to the AGM and commented on how quick the year had gone. He expressed his hope that this year would bring about a bit more normality for the school and the community.

HT UPDATE

Julie Journeaux advised that there had been a great start to the session and that children had settled in well. She is delighted to see the children wearing school uniform and hopes that this will continue throughout the year.

The school has 2 new probationers this year.

Each class has been setting up their class charters. Each class will decide on and agree how they expect to be treated and how they will behave. These will be shared on seesaw.

Support for learning is changing at Carnegie. There will now be 3 specific teachers for Support for Learning and they will support children and families and also teachers. With the departure of Jenna Rodgers 2 of these teachers will be our principle teachers (Sarah Nicholson and Ashley Paterson). Support for learning is also there for children who excel and need challenged more. JJ anticipates a smooth transition as both principle teachers are highly experienced and know the children well.

JJ discussed the Standards and Quality Report which looks at how well the school has done over the academic year. The final draft will be available for parents and families from October. The SIP was also discussed. This is broken down into 3 priorities – Relationships, Culture and Learning.

Relationships – Working with partners – business, charities, services, active school and parent council partnership. The travel action plan needs looked at – Parents, police, children, staff and the council will be involved in this. Ashley Paterson is the school lead on this.

Culture – Health and Wellbeing – Emotion Works and the 5 ways to Well being. Looking to have a consistent approach and consistent language across school and home. Staff attended training on our minds matter. The children's familiarity with the language of emotion works will be used

alongside the introduction of the 5 Ways to Wellbeing programme, Parent Council to be part of working group to identify how we develop the programme across the school community.

Learning – Building on significant training in reading and writing, teachers have identified a need to focus on listening and talking. A pupil audit identified expressive arts as a priority for them with staff also indicating a loss of focus over the previous year. Quality numeracy also continues to be a priority with a focus on financial education. 1+2 foreign languages programme is a Scottish government programme which all children in Scotland are following. +2 Languages within Woodmill cluster are French and German which can be taken on to qualification level at high school – Michelle asked about BSL but as this can't be taken to qualification level it is not included in the programme. The children are learning signing through music though and other curricular activities.

The school has a number of committees and children will be selected for these groups this week. The school is a rights respecting school and already has a bronze award. Looking to achieve silver award. Parent Council invited to be part of this committee but not necessary as there is already parent representation.

Year at a glance has been sent out last week. These dates are subject to change and in line with current government guidelines. At this time the photographer would not be permitted into school so the date will need to be reviewed nearer the time.

JJ expressed her wish for the school to hold Halloween discos and Christmas Fayre. At this time they are hopeful these events would be possible but nothing can be confirmed as yet.

Mrs Doig's reading Den has still not arrived but they are still hoping to have a celebration with this when it does. PC still have the plaque for this.

CHAIR REPORT

Thank you to everyone for managing to keep the parent council together this part year or so. Was great to see new members from last year continue to attend and we also welcomed Samantha Gunn to the parent council. Michelle Humphries has decided to step down as secretary for the Parent Council. Lynette thanked Michelle for her work over the last few years. As with every AGM we need to fill our office bearer roles. Gavin and Lynette were happy to continue as CO-Chairs and this was agreed by the committee. We are currently running with no treasurer and Lynette has been taking responsibility recently. Samantha Gunn is going to consider this role and Lynette is going to discuss this with her after the meeting. Vacant Secretary position – Suzanne Bryce has kindly offered to do minutes if she is at meetings and Ruth Johnston will support this if needed.

Co-Chair – Lynette Thomson/Gavin Byrne

Treasurer – Samantha Gunn (TBC)

Secretary – Suzanne Bryce/Ruth Johnston

FUNDRAISING/TREASURER

Kerryann created a great review of the year which JJ has agreed to send out via groupcall to all parents. Tiera advised that they hope to do cauliflower Christmas cards this year but it will need to be done ASAP in order that they are here in plenty of time for Christmas. It was suggested that some are sent out to local charities/businesses and care homes from the children. Fundraising committee are going to hold a separate meeting to discuss plans and moving forward given that Tiera and Kerryann will both be stepping down at the end of this academic year when their children go to high school. The Balloon race was a huge success and a huge thank you to the Joe Cardle Academy for sponsoring this event which meant all money raised would be profit. Thank you to all businesses who supplied prizes for this event too we really appreciate it.

The current bank balance is sitting at £3653.38. Money still needs to come out of this for the P7 end of term celebration last year. JJ was asked what she would like to PC to fundraise for going forward. New sports strips were discussed and the possibility of asking a local business to sponsor these was an option.

AOB

Parents had expressed a concern over the level of ventilation in one of the classrooms in the school. Unfortunately due to its positioning when the sun is shining into the room and there is no wind it can be a bit on the warm side. This has been looked at by JJ, windows are open, doors are open (this room has 2 doors) and fans have been purchased. The children are also being encouraged to remove thick sweatshirts and cardigans. This has been reported to school estates however it is thought that it is within parameters. The feedback is that these measures are helping.

ACTIONS

JJ - to arrange for fundraising update to be sent via groupcall

LT/GB - to actively find parent volunteers for SIP priorities

TB/KS - Fundraising meeting

LT - contact Samantha Gunn re Treasurer

NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 29th September 2021