

Carnegie Primary School – Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 27th April 2022



Attendees – Julie Journeaux, Donna Parker, Laura McPherson, Lynette Thomson, Gavin Byrne, Rachel Fraser, Kerryann Sim, Tiera Byrne, Nadia Hogg

Apologies – Sierra Martin, Ross Martin, Fiona Crookston, Michelle Humphries, Ruth Johnston, Suzanne Bryce,

WELCOME

Gavin welcomed everyone to the meeting and it was discussed that maybe numbers were low due to people being used to zoom and this could be the way we need to run meeting in future. JJ said she was happy to do whatever way suited best. Left that next meeting would be via Zoom and AGM would be in person and discussed again then.

JJ mentioned that community groups could restart in August as the community lounge will no longer be used as a classroom however until final numbers are in for the next academic year this is subject to change.

Parent council are to develop a leaflet to have a bag drop within the school to try and promote the PC and gain new members given numbers are low and 3 members are due to leave (P7 parents).

TB has indicated she will happily stay in the background for support with fundraising committee to establish discos and fayres given we haven't had them for a few years so nobody has taken on this role yet.

The fundraising committee are due to meet before end of term to discuss plans.

Anyone helping at discos should hold PVG. Also, first aider is required. GB nominated his wife for this role!

Date of AGM – Tuesday 30th August @ 7pm – will provide teas and coffee (biscuits)

HOMEWORK

Homework for upper years was discussed and the general consensus was that the children are given reading homework and individual teachers set homework to suit their learning. P7's take part in the Carnegie project which is a substantial piece of homework for them to complete in their last term. There was a survey carried out a few years ago and the overwhelming response was that parents did not want homework. The schools homework policy is on the schools website.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/fi/public/carnegieps/uploads/sites/12471/2021/02/22113706/Home-Learning-Strategy-2020.pdf>

If any parent has individual concerns re homework they should contact the school directly.

HALBEATH AND DULOCH COMMUNITY

The next Halbeath and Duloch Community meeting is Monday 9th May at 7pm in Carnegie Primary. All are welcome to attend.

<https://www.facebook.com/halbeathdulochcommunitycouncil/>

UPDATES

End of term treat – silent discos – funded by PC

Sports Day – PC will supply ice pole for every child. JJ to check storage in freezer for weekend before. PC will provide Teas and Coffees at Sports Day.

PC will do sports Day stripes for house colours – house captains to help. Volunteers required. 19/20 May. Small donation but no child will miss out.

Suggestion that PC members wear tops identifying them as helpers at events – TBC

Leavers assembly – 29th June @ 9.30-11 – Teas and Coffees being served – LT to help.

HT UPDATE

Farewell to Laura following 3 years as DHT in Carnegie.

Progress re recruitment process

Short leet interviews scheduled with 2 candidates. Confirmation of successful candidate by mid-May with expected start date in August.

Term 4 diary dates.

Planned opportunities for parental involvement

- Music afternoon (invite to family member of children involved)
- P1 transition (one family member invited to attend class visits and information evening)
- Sports Days (family member invited to watch their children in the races part of the day)
- Shared finishes in P1 and P2 (for children who have never had families members come into the school)
- P7 Leavers assembly and school show (invite to 2 family members of children involved)

Transitions

P7-S1.

- Carnegie liaising with WHS re a more normal transition with visits to the school

Moving up within the school.

- Meet the teacher day will be on Friday 24 June

Nursery-P1 transition framework

- Transition framework shared with parents and Seesaw links in place for each family

Learning and Teaching/Quality Assurance

Attainment Data- almost all classes forecasted in the high 80%. Reporting via SQR. Parent views sought re progress against the SIP for 2021-22

Focus on:

Expressive arts

5 Ways to Wellbeing/Emotion Works

Travel Action Plan

Rights Respecting Schools Silver accreditation

Development of 1+2

AOCB

Questionnaire re structure of start and end of school day to go out in early June

Children requesting a silent disco- PC to fund and support. Office to book.

Ice lollies for sports days/sale of refreshments for adults- PC asked to arrange.

TREASURER/FUNDRAISING

The current bank balance is sitting at £4485.22 as at 31/3/22. £945 still to be withdrawn for ecology centre donation. £500 to be donated to P7 leavers this year and money for silent discos and ice poles still to be deducted.

Looking to get sponsorship for sports kits – 100 kits required so substantial funding required. To advertise to gain local sponsorship if possible. Hopefully more 'normal' fundraising events next academic year.

AOB

Laura McPherson attended her last PC Meeting as she is leaving the school on Friday 29th April 2022. The PC would like to thank Miss McPherson for all her hard work over the years with the school and we wish her every success for the future.

Interviews are to be finalised 3rd May 2022 for the vacant position.

GB, LT and KS to meet separately to discuss role of PC and the office bearer roles going forward. Will be done before next meeting and communicated to JJ.

NEXT MEETING – Via Zoom – Date TBC