



Carnegie Primary School – Parent Council AGM

Tuesday 30th August 2022 7pm

Attendees – Julie Journeaux, Donna Parker, Laura Ingis, Avril Foster, Lynette Thomson, Gavin Byrne, Amanda Stewart, Pamela McKenzie, Islay Roy, Lily Sinclair, Fiona McLellan, Toni Patterson, Sierra Martin, Deny Spalding

Apologies – Nadia Hogg, Suzanne Bryce, Ross Martin, Michelle Humphries, Rachel Fraser, Gemma Jeffrey

WELCOME

GB welcomed everyone to the meeting and discussed in brief the role of the Parent Council and how nice it was to have so many new parents join us tonight. Ensured that everyone was aware that there was no minimum commitment to be part of the PC and that even a little bit of time is really appreciated. LT said that with the number of families we have in the school the workload could be very light but it normally falls to the same people so would be great to have more people on board. Everyone made introductions and there were 3 new P1 parents and 2 x P2 parents. Welcome to the PC.

OFFICE BEARERS

The office bearer roles were up for re-election at this meeting and were voted as follows:

Chairperson – Lynette Thomson (Nominated GB, Seconded SM)

Vice Chairperson – Gavin Byrne (Nominated LT, Seconded PM)

Secretary – Fiona McLellan (Nominated GB, Seconded LT)

Treasurer – Sierra Martin (Nominated LT, Seconded AF)

Role profiles were briefly discussed and full role profiles will be given to all office bearers.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Halloween discos – Friday 28th October 2022

P1-P3 – 5.45-6.45

P4-P7 – 7.30-9.00

Parents helpers required for both discos – LT has list of volunteers who have come forward already. First Aider needed for second disco. IR First Aider for first disco. £2 entry and dressing up is optional.

Halloween costume swap – Will liaise with school to try and get this sorted prior to the October holidays.

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 3rd December 2022 11.00-2.00 (TBC)

Free entry – 16 potential stall holders – they will all be contacted within the next week or so to finalise details.

GB will be Santa.

Cuppa Chat will be reinstated – just waiting on confirmation of which day the community lounge is available from school.

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Carnegie is due to be inspected by HMIE. The school was due prior to the pandemic. The school is now 12 years old and has not had an HMIE inspection. The school are looking for parental engagement for this. Parents/staff and pupils have been involved in the School Improvement Plan which has been made into a short video and shared on Twitter (we have also shared on our FB page). The school are keen to make the school a huge part of the community and as well as working to make the school the best it can be it wants the whole community to shine.

It was discussed how best to get engagement from parents and how to get feedback on questionnaires. Limited feedback from recent questionnaires but mostly focused on parking and pick up arrangements – need information from parents on what we are doing well and what we can improve on.

The school needs the support of the parent council to encourage parents to be involved and to engage in feedback.

Parents evening will be in person and at this there will be a questionnaire for parents to complete there and then with the help of pupils to facilitate this.

Curriculum workshops are being held for P1 parents and it was discussed that this could be introduced to older children as well. This was done pre pandemic and can be reintroduced with the support of the Principle teachers.

JJ has a meeting with the college around safe parking and entry/exit to the college car park. Parking around the school grounds is still a big issue and the JRSO and Ashley Patterson (Travel Action Plan) are working to try and resolve this situation.

AOB

LT commented that she had received feedback that the playground was very congested at pick up time. JJ acknowledged that they had seen the same and was going to monitor this over the next week and make a plan to try and resolve this. P5-P7 parents are encouraged to promote independence in their children and arrange to meet them away from the main playground and this can help with adult numbers in the playground.

Christmas Jumpers – the school will be organising a Christmas Jumper bank to allow children/families the opportunity to save jumpers from landfill and the opportunity to re-use/recycle jumpers that no longer fit your child.

Winter Coat appeal – As in previous years we will shortly be collecting for our winter coat appeal (new/used). Any families who are in need of a winter coat should email the school and we will try where possible to get their child a warm winter coat for after the October holidays.

Next meeting will be Wednesday 5th October via Zoom.