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Carnegie Primary School – Parent Council Mtg

Wednesday 31st May 2023; 7pm

Attendees – Julie Journeaux, Donna Parker, Laura Inglis, Lynette Thomson, Fiona McLellan, Gavin Byrne, Amanda Stewart, Pamela McKenzie, Lily Sinclair, Toni Paterson, Michelle Humphries, Nadia Hogg

Apologies – Avril Foster, Sierra Martin, Rachel Fraser

**WELCOME**

LT welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**BRIEF UPDATES**

***Teacher Hairy Haggis Run*** – Raised £3,503 for their chosen charity partner **Sands** (Still And Neo-natal Death Society).

***Silent Disco*** – This has been booked as treat for the children and will be paid for by the Parent Council.

***Last Day of Summer Term*** – This is NOT a Dress Down Day and the children will be advised as such in school.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPDATE

***Bank Balance*** – Currently £4,921.90

***Primary 7 Leavers*** – £500 from Parent Council.

***Additional Purchase Ideas*** – New benches for the Infant Playground (4). Contribution towards painting/fixing the benches in the Senior Playground. Signage to reflect ‘Friendship Benches’ or ‘Bench of Reflection’.

Additionally a ‘Kit Bag’ for every year group. Mrs Parker talked Parent Council through the contents of the Kit Bag and how it is used. Access to ‘Kit Bags’ gives the school recognition as a well-being school and the relevant accreditation.

***Defibrillator*** – Looking into the possibility of purchasing a Defibrillator in conjunction with Halbeath Community Council. This would be located on the wall of the school. Cost c.£1,800.

* Halbeath Community Council have agreed to donate £500
* Stephens Bakers have agreed to donate £250

***Gala*** – 2023 Dunfermline Gala is going ahead. 292 children have signed up from Carnegie PS. In 2017, there were 172. Children will meet in the Infant Playground and access to toilets has been arranged. An adult lead will be assigned to each class, with additional parent helpers depending on child volumes and ages per class.

Approximate 4 - 6 children in Primary 7 will be required to carry the school banner.

The theme for the event is ‘Cities of the World’ following Dunfermlines recent City status. Carnegie PS have been allocated Rio de Janeiro – is there scope in class for the children to create headbands or something similar to wear on the day?

Each year group will also require a banner.

Additional help will b e required in the Glen to help set up for Food & Games.

***Christmas Fayre 2023*** *–* Could the school arrange new banners for the event as the current ones have the old school badge? Julie to arrange.

***Ardroy*** – Can a fundraising plan be looked into? The cost in May is more expensive. Free Meal Entitlement (FME) pays for those who require a subsidy to assist, however parents need to decide how to help fund the remainder.

**HEADTEACHER REPORT – School Updates**

***School Evaluation*** – The school is busy at the moment; a parents evaluation is due to be sent out tomorrow (01 June 2023). Teachers will be evaluating progress at the upcoming in-service days. Childrens evaluation is ongoing at the current time. All feedback will build into the School Improvement Plan.

***School Attainment Levels*** – These are improving for all assessed year groups and in all disciplines. We will review the Standards & Quality report at the AGM in August/September time.

***Pupil Equity Fund*** – This year the PEF plan had £110,000. It is used to:

* support vulnerable families
* pay for PSA staff
* contributes to Principal Teachers
* contribution to Breakfast Club and the Big Breakfast

In the past it has bought mobile kitchens, assisted with family cooking sessions and family swimming sessions. It is to help close the attainment gap for families in need.

Next year we are looking at a Family Support person to work with families where attendance and engagement is an issue.

***School Improvement Plan*** – Looks at Relationships, Culture (3 Core Values) & Achievement.

Achievements (Current/Ongoing):

* Carnegie PS won Sports Cluster League
* Providing additional opportunities to children (Music afternoons, Sports days, etc
* Gaining accreditation for things we do
* Aiming for Unicef Rights Respecting School Gold Award

Relationships:

* With Business: Focus on Careers in Term 1 (2023/24)
* With Family: Family Events
  + Older Children
    - 6 week French for Beginners
    - 6 week Cooking
    - 6 week Yoga
  + Younger Children
    - Parents/Children work & learn together

**HEADTEACHER REPORT – Learning and Teaching**

***Writing Pedagogy*** – The method of how teachers teach writing, in theory and in practice. There is to be a focus on this for the remainder of the term.

* Differentiation
* Training for teachers
* Challenging the most able children

***Sharing the Learning*** – these events have been well attended by Parents throughout the year. Like this year, next term the P1 events will be more frequent, reducing in later terms. There is a need to find the correct balance.

Technology/Online Safety – There were 265 responses to the questionnaire that was available at the last Parents night. These highlighted:

* Seesaw: A discrepancy between teachers on the usage of Seesaw between classes.
* Online Safety concerns: Learning Apps are available to children. Laura Inglis to update Songs available to the children. Parent Engagement as children progress through to be looked at.

***Inspection*** – The school was praised for “articulate pupil voices” by the inspector confirming the children spoke so well.

Learning pathways are well developed; in particular the digital technologies pathway was very strog with the teachers use of executables (.exe), glow, email and QR codes.

Need to look further at the Play Pedagogy. How classes move between the areas (learning through plan, teacher led activities and independent activities).

Overall the outcome was very positive, but this was still not a full inspection.

***Transition to High School (Primary 7’s)*** – Pupils will get a Chromebook as pa of their transition to High School.

**OPEN ACTIONS**

***iPay Impact*** – The school is to look at the option to be able to pay for School Milk for the whole year and not by term. Julie Journeaux to investigate.

This has recently been set up for events and was successful. Can be used for future events if required.

**AOB**

Parent Council Meetings (Year 2023/24) – The following dates were agreed for Parent Council Meetings during the next school year:

* Tuesday 05 September 2023 (AGM)
* Wednesday 08November 2023
* Tuesday 16 January 2024
* Thursday 14 March 2024
* Tuesday 07 May 2024