**Carnegie Parent Council – Wednesday 4th December**

**Present** – Julie Journeaux, Laura Poulton, Lynette Thomson, Amanda Stewart, Pamela McKenzie, James Mitchell, Laura Hill

**Apologies** – Sierra Martin, Islay Roy, Gavin Byrne, Kerryann Sim, Nadia Hogg, Rachel Fraser, Billy Young, Christin Humpries, Heather Simpson, Toni Patterson

**Halloween Disco**

Halloween disco was huge success. It raised approx. £1300 from ticket sales. Minus cost of the DJ and snacks, leaves approx. £1000.

This year there were a lot of last-minute requests for tickets, proposal for next year to have a deadline for last ticket sales.

Also, more helpers are needed in future. This year almost led to cancelations due to lack of volunteers.

**Christmas Fair**

This year’s fair raised approx. £1500.

There were 22 paid stalls in total. The nursery had to tables for free.

1 stall was paid for but vender did not show.

1 stall was carried over from summer but did not show.

**Asda Rewards**

Was a big success and raised a total of £1517.25, this will go towards playground equipment.

Account

Currently has a balance of approx. £5600 with just under £900 to come from the Cauliflower cards.

**Moving into 2025**

In order to raise more funds for the playground equipment, some events will have a fee.

For example, next year’s Ceilidh will possibly be charged at £1 per head rather than donations.

January’s Parent Council meeting will have more discussion around spring/ summer events.

There will also be a review of the budget and possibility of purchasing some playground equipment with current funds then purchasing the rest at a later point when more funds raised.

It’s hopeful this may earn more buy in from parents if they were to see things happening quicker and see where funds raised are going.

More exploration in the new year for grants such as national lottery, matched funding and also explore other funding streams that may be available.

School will help with grant applications; however, this will be mainly taken on by the Parent Council.

Explore option to get a license for selling raffle tickets at events as another revenue stream and getting pupils and parents more involved.

The nursery will be invited to join the Parent Council as they have a vested interest, all being part of the school. Current nursery pupils will get the most use of the new playground equipment.

**2025 Gala**

Date - Saturday 28th June.

Theme is Carnival.

**Photographs**

Feedback regarding current school photographer:

* Would be quicker if took less photos (too many for each pupil)
* Too many pics to choose from
* Mixed feedback on the price, some said good price, others said could be better
* But mainly good feedback

Tempest usually does the class pics.

There were no P1 class pics this year as the Whole School pic was done instead. P1 pics were taken by and published in the Dunfermline Press.

Class photos, being added to the annual calendar.

**Fundraising Ideas**

Possible ideas:

* Calendars
* Sponsored events e.g. The Daily Mile
* Class photos
* Look at things to get pupils and parents involved

**HT Report**

**Staffing update:**

David Wilson is leaving at Christmas. A replacement will be put in place from the start of next term and hopefully that will remain consistent for the rest of the session. A letter will go out to parents on Friday.

**School Events:**

Big Breakfast was a huge success. This is largely due to the generous support of Alan at the Spar, a much valued school partnership. We have volunteered our school choir to go over to do some carol singing in the lead up to Christmas as a thank you.

Christmas newsletter went out with dates and info re Christmas events.

Family carol concert next week and hoping for a good turnout. Helpers to serve hot chocolate and biscuits would be great.

School Garden- developments continue with volunteers from Rosyth Men's Shed helping us to construct raised beds using pallets gifted to us from B&Q.

Reminders from school re P1/Nursery enrolments. Can these be shared on PC social media too? More info to follow in the new year.

**Learning, Teaching and Assessment:**

Recent classroom observations by SLT. Feedback indicates high quality learning and teaching across all stages. Staff engaging in moderation activities, joint planning and professional dialogue to support consistency across stages.

NSAs- P7 have recently been completed and Laura shared data analysis.

**School Improvement Priorities:**

Explicit Writing Training- staff halfway through training and implementing the programme in classes. Very positive feedback

Digital Technologies- teachers now engaged in 2 professional learning sessions delivered by Fife 'Transforming Learning Team' re planning and coding. Another session to run on February INSET day providing digital safety training.

Relationships- focus on improving our playground environment. Update provided by Laura. Consultation with pupils shared with PC at last meeting. Consideration needs to be given to how we involve parents in next steps and getting funding in place.

Next term the focus will move to Learning for Sustainability and will be led by Donna Parker. A parent consultation group will be sought.

**Next Parent Council Meeting- Thursday 23rd January**