

Carnock Primary School Parent Council

Minutes

Tuesday 12th November 2024.

Present – Lorna Bernard (Headteacher), Vicky Craig, Sarah Ewart (Deputy Headteacher), Melissa Friar, Kirstie Hardie,
Laura Irving-Paxton, Rachel Korsten, Mandy McVicars, Lynsey Moncrieff.

1. Introduction and welcome to new parents.
2. Apologies – none.
3. Minutes of previous meeting – these were accepted. VC proposed and MMcV seconded.
4. School Pupil Committees. Representatives present – Amelia, Jonah, Samuel.

Newspaper Committee: Objectives of the Committee were presented by Amelia and Jonah.

A monthly Chronicle will be compiled and produced by the committee members to inform readers of the current affairs and events at Carnock Primary School, including interviews, puzzles and competitions. Funds raised from the sale of the Newspaper will go towards the upgrade of our Smartboards. The first edition is in production and will be available to buy before Christmas.

Gardening Committee: Objectives of the Committee were presented by Samuel.

The school garden is a lovely amenity that should be an inviting, happy and safe place to play. However, the Committee acknowledges that regular maintenance is required to achieve this. They will maintain the planters and clear the garden, throughout the changing seasons. In addition, the Committee welcome any spare or old garden furniture, old or non-used garden items, pots or ornaments.

Fitness Committee: A statement was provided on behalf of the Committee.

“Our Committee is the Fitness Committee. We decided that our vision would be to provide the opportunity to improve the fitness levels of all. So far, we have been looking at how we can do this. Primary 6 have started ‘auditing’, making tallies to count how many pupils take part in playground games. We have talked about what we do already and what we can change. So far, the P.7’s thought about walking, running or cycling clubs. We also need to audit the equipment we have and maybe use it more. We have also spoken about the Scottish Schools Sports Awards”.

5. UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School – Mrs. Ewart.

Pupil Council are working towards achieving a Rights Respecting School Bronze Award. The Rights Respecting School Award Scheme (RRSA) supports schools to put in place a set of standards based on equality, dignity, respect, non-discrimination and participation. Children’s rights are already discussed every month, so we will be refocusing on what we already do in school. Our Steering Group will consider the importance of knowing Children’s Rights, and how to communicate this to the wider community. We are hopeful we can achieve a Rights Aware School Silver Award by the summer holidays.

6. Treasurers Report.

The current balance is £2,052.51

School Halloween Party raised £121.00, less costs of £33.92

Just Giving raised £251.00 for garden improvements.

7. Fundraising Group. Melissa Friar (Spokesperson).

The Parent/Carer Fundraising Group are a group of parents and carers with children at the school. The Fundraising group held their first meeting on Friday 8th November. Their aim is to raise funds to provide benefit across the school community, provide important school resources and hold fun events that enrich the children’s school experience.

The group acknowledge the pressure felt by parents and carers to contribute to every school fundraising initiative that is organised throughout the school year. It can be difficult to keep track of all the financial contributions they make towards the various fundraising events, as they arise. It was therefore proposed that a monthly direct debit system could be introduced to capture all fundraising contributions in one monthly payment. The amount paid per month would be made anonymously, at the parent/carer’s discretion, and should not be commensurate with the number of children they have. Payments could be as little as £1.00 to £5.00 per month, or as much as parent/carers wish to contribute.

Application for Local Community Funding and Donation Schemes through Asda, Co-op and Stephens were also discussed.

8. School Report – Lorna Bernard (Headteacher)

Staffing: Carnock Primary School currently have a student teacher in class P.6/7 and in P1/2/3.. We also have a Forth Valley College student starting next week.

Miss Patterson (Pupil Support Assistant) has agreed to work 3 hrs per day, until the summer. Due to sickness, there will be no school crossing patrol officer on duty for the foreseeable future.

We have researched costs of outdoor education centres for next year's P.7 outing, as follows; Ardroy £400. Lendrick Muir £300. Dalguise £294, which is available on 8th September. Cost of bus transport still to be checked.

Notable Dates

Wednesday 20th November – Bedtime Stories

Thursday 12th December – School Christmas Lunch

Friday 13th December – White Elephant Sale (1pm). Parent/Carer helpers welcome.

9. AOCB

Tuesday 19th December – Christmas Concert Singalong (6 – 8pm).

Parent/Carer helpers required for this event. Baking and unwanted Christmas book donations welcome nearer the time, to be advised.

Format to include; Festive Shopping and Refreshments in the Classrooms from 6-7pm. Christmas Concert in the Main Hall 7-8pm. Space is limited in the Main Hall, therefore concert tickets are restricted to 2 per family. However, the doors to the Main Hall will be left open for those who wish to catch a glimpse and listen from the corridor.

*Children's Handmade Crafts stalls.

*Reading Ambassador Stall selling surprise book gifts.

*Christmas Book Stall

*Home Baking, Hot Chocolate, Hot Dogs.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 11th February 2025.