

Minutes of Callander Primary Parent Council Meeting

19th January 2023

Present:

Carolyn Dunion (Chair), Gordon Kerr (Vice Chair), Megan King (Treasurer), Caitlin Flood (Social Media & Vice Secretary), Tanya Starkey (Head Teacher), Clair Harvey (Deputy Head Teacher), Dawn Hickie, Natalie Forde, Jennifer Grieve, Frankie Collier-Prickett, Rodine Perry

Carolyn reviewed office bearers and Caitlen volunteered to take over social media role along with being the Vice Secretary.

A Code of Conduct for officer bearer was distributed and agreed upon.

Carolyn thanked parents for help with brass band concert. Over £700 raised for parent council with hope to have another concert next year.

Carolyn thanked the 41 Club for a generous donation of £500 also.

Head Teacher Review

School recruited new support for learning assistant.

P1 enrolment is underway for August and class allocation is ongoing.

Callander Nursery was inspected by the Care Inspectorate and they performed well which the council were delighted to hear.

There has been a focus on homework as there has been a dramatic decrease in homework participation since Covid. Class reps had meeting to discuss next steps to engage pupils and parents. There was a suggestion of a Homework Club which Tanya will take forward.

Social justice ambassadors within the school have started to meet every month and it has been a great success so far. They are focussed on giving every pupil an equal chance and support if needed.

P7 Dalguise residential trip is going ahead in March, with other pupils in the McLaren High School catchment area attending to help pupils transition into High school.

Parents evening will be week beginning 20th March.

The new school building is moving to stage 3. Stirling Council reps meet architects every 2 weeks. The location has been confirmed and it is adjacent to the High school. There is ongoing discussion about a new road into school/leisure centre.

A public consultation regarding creating a bridge and improving pedestrian access to the new school is currently being undertaken.

The council will encourage parents to complete the online survey to support this work. - GK

Parent council to contact local councillor also. - GK

Carolyn to ask McLaren leisure for support also. - GK

Government funding for school to be used by 2025. Building to start 2023.

Class parent rep email set up. – callanderparentreps@gmail.com

Council to consult with Class reps to identify a 'theme of discussion' to future meetings.

Contact Cat Hunter to ask about parent PVG so parents could bring kids to school. - JG

Talks of using zoom during meeting for people who can't attend in person.

Parent council to look into possibility of having meeting at McLaren Centre - CD

Staff expressed they would like parent council to fund expressive arts and gardening projects. They would also like money set aside for each class to put towards school trips and the ability to offer extra support for pupils who may not be able to afford trips or outings.

The parent council agreed to fund the P7 Hoodies again (school will buy ties) Megan and Carolyn to take that forward with Naomi Scott – CD & MK

They would also like a contribution towards school trip transport which is roughly £350 per class and there are 11 classes. The council agreed to see what they could do. CD & GK

Treasurer to set up 'Easy Fundraising' account. - MK

(Set up school as chosen charity when shopping on amazon etc)

Teachers encouraged to email parent council with 'wish lists' so PC can hopefully fund. - TS

Fundraising Activity

Spring Craft Fayre is to be organised by P7/P6's but supported by the parent council - CD

A 'Party in the Park' will be organised alongside the school concert on the 7th of June. We will arrange a committee to organise this – CD & GK

Shorts & shades and Halloween disco looking to be re-established. A committee will be arranged – CD & GK

The council asked if the school could support a no toys policy and Tanya explained there was one which wasn't being observed. However, some pupils are allowed support toys but only by prior arrangement. Tanya to reiterate to parents the no toy policy - TS

Parents are being reminded not to park in car park unless prior arrangements have been made.

Date of next meeting – 25th April 2023, 7pm