

**MINUTES of Carmondean Parent Council Meeting held on Wednesday,  
1<sup>st</sup> May, 2019**

**Present:**           Gordon Chree - Chair  
                        Mrs. Brunt - Parent  
                        Mrs. Sneddon - Parent  
                        Gillian Millar - HT  
                        Matt Shanks - DHT  
                        Aileen Jamieson - Class Teacher  
                        Fiona Harding - PSW (Minutes)

**INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES**

Gordon thanked everyone for their attendance - apologies had been received on behalf of Claire Pringle.

**LITTER**

At the previous meeting in March it was suggested by PC that a clean up of the school's outdoor area be organised, with parents turning up on a voluntary basis. A spring clean has since been organised by Claire Muir in conjunction with the Eco Committee which will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May. CM has linked up with a group which can supply the necessary litter picking equipment, thus enabling each stage to successfully complete the clean up of the designated area they are timetabled to.

**HEADTEACHER'S REPORT**

**Staffing - A few staff changes since last meeting -**

- PSW Tracey Dudgeon has now moved on to another school as an Advanced PSW.
- Kerrie Mungall who was appointed as our Family Support Worker decided to return to her previous role as a PSW.
- Caitlin Mulhern who had been covering Suzannah Macauley's maternity leave has now moved on to another school.

**Residentials**

Lendrick Muir done and dusted and proved a great success.

Dalguise also hailed as being very successful.

Auchengillan pupils just returned yesterday and parent Laura Sneddon fed back that her son had thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Lowport - trip departs tomorrow and returns Friday. MS, LS and CP accompanying children with one PSW.

France - departure date Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Everything is organised for this final residential.

### **Upcoming Events -**

- Following a very successful P6/7 show, the P4/5 show Rock Bottom will take place on 13 June.
- Gymnastics Competition scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> May in Perth.
- Grandparents' Day
- Transition
- Sports Festivals
- Parent Assemblies
- P! Induction Day - 3<sup>rd</sup> June starting at 9.30 a.m. GC agreed to being involved in this.

### **Improvement Plan**

HT explained how staff are involved in the evaluation of Improvement Plan and this will be further discussed on the In-Service day next Tuesday. Desired outcomes for the last year included -

Streamlining forward planning.

More focussed Interdisciplinary Learning experiences with learner input.

Improved feedback to develop children's understanding of their own learning to improve pace and challenge.

Improved Literacy at all stages - particularly in writing.

Implementing Spanish language at stages 5,6 and 7.

Numeracy - increasing teacher confidence in Number Talks.

Increasing children's levels of resilience through Bounce Back.

Improved children's understanding of skills required for the work world.

Taking the above into consideration, we are now looking at the Improvement Plan for 2019-20, where writing will focus as one of the major factors. GC asked how much scope each school is afforded within their Improvement Plan. Each school is individual but guidance is given from WL which every school has to adhere to. Once the Improvement Plan has been finalised an internal school evaluation document is produced showing our own evaluations of the quality indicators, which then form the basis of evidence for our next inspection, the last one being 2017.

GC asked what decision had been made on Homework after the Cluster schools had met for discussion on this - HT informed meeting that a common format had been put together but still needed refining, however the consensus would appear to show that preference be given to fortnightly homework, as it seemed to suit most parents.

### **A.O.B.**

Questions from Chair - How many pupils in the new P1 intake for next session? HT informed meeting there would be approximately 50. The number on the role fluctuates and we are capped at 415. Five new pupils joined Miss Rafferty's P2 class throughout this school year alone. GC asked if a significant number of children from outwith the catchment area attended CPS. There is always a small group and, at the moment, the number is probably around 8 but again this is changeable.

Resurfacing of the underpass is now underway with a pile of rubble having been deposited in the Keep Clear space near Nether Dechmont Cottages.

Parent Mrs Brunt fed back that the offending tree opposite the Church had now been successfully removed by the Council.

Concerns over the relatively poor directional signage for the school. GM has only today met with the new Maintenance Inspector, therefore he would be the first person to raise this issue with.

**NEXT MEETING to be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June.**

