

## Minutes

### Carnwath Primary School Parent Council AGM

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Present: Dave Knox-Welsh, Steph Graham, Julie Morrison, Vicky Provan, Ilka Graham, Leah Kerr, John Bowie, Leighann MacLennan, Jennifer Bradford.

Held at Carnwath Primary School and started at 7pm.

### Agenda Items

- Welcome
- Apologies
  - Ciaran and Sharon

- Chairperson's report:

Thanks to everyone for attending tonight and welcome to any new members.

Unfortunately, we were unable to do as much as we would have liked to last year due to the cost of living. We have been working hard to find new ways of raising funds for the school, although it hasn't been to the levels that we have done in the past. Thanks to everyone who helped organise and support the events last year (Jar selling, party and Gala stall).

Last year attendance at the monthly meetings has been good and remained steady. As a parent council we need to be able to provide Mrs Bradford & her staff with opinions and feedback from parents from a variety of different stages in the school and to be able to do that, we need as many people as possible attending every meeting.

It is essential that we continue to maintain and grow our numbers to ensure the continued success of the Parent Council for years to come. So please do try to encourage other parents to come to the meetings and support the work the Parent Council undertake.

Thanks again for coming and supporting the Parent Council. Here's to a great year ahead.

- Financial Report:
  - Refer to attached table.
  - £75 received from Carnwath Agricultural Pet Show, and £500 Tesco Groundworks grant now also in.
  - John to get reimbursed for bouncy castle service and sandbags/ratchet strap when purchased.
  - Taking out the reimbursement for John and the specific Tesco grant we have around £2k to spend but still need to fundraise.
  - Vicky applying for Miller Homes grant which could raise up to £2000.
  - Still no receipts for gardening materials from nursery, however now agreed to give them £250 towards their project to build the children's awareness of diversity and culture instead.
  - Leavers hoodies: 15 kids in P7 this year, and kids will also fundraise. PC will pay the difference as per last year.
  - Julie to pass on Nisa donation details to Ilka to look into.

- Co-op round of funding now ended, celebration on 14<sup>th</sup> November at 11am. Ilka to arrange with Leah and Steph to bring some of the kids round.
  - Agreed no fundraising this term as the kids are already fundraising at Christmas Panto.
  - Donation buckets to be ordered for choir performance this year (Ilka), also Ilka to speak to the lady living at the Wee Bush again once date confirmed.
  - Term 3- looking to fundraise by selling towels- Jennifer to arrange kids drawings, Steph will look into suppliers and Ilka will sort artwork. Looking to get stall at Christmas fayre to for people to pre-order, and potentially other fundraising on the day as well. Also agreed bake sale to be organized at Scottish Assembly on 9/2, details to be discussed next meeting.
  - Term 4: sponsored bounce to be organized- donations through JustGiving, Ilka to discuss potential match funding with Co-op.
  - RBS: Julie, Steph and Vicky to get added on as signatories, Ilka to organize.
  - Dave to look into potential grants to fund rest of outdoor seating.
  - Ideas for other ways of fundraising to be discussed.
- Election of committee
    - Julie Morrison elected as new Chair (proposed by Steph, seconded by Vicky)
    - Steph Graham elected as new Secretary (proposed by Julie and seconded by Vicky)
    - Ilka Graham re-elected as Treasurer (proposed by Leighann and seconded by Vicky)
    - Leighann MacLennan re-elected as Vice Chair (proposed by Ilka and seconded by Julie)
  - Confirmation of Constitution
    - Point 5.2 to be changed to read AGM should be held “within the first 4 weeks of Term 1” and also that all meeting dates including the AGM for next year should be decided then.
    - Point 6.1 to be changed to confirm draft minutes are to be shared within 2 weeks of the meeting and to be approved at the next meeting.
  - Head Teacher’s Report:

### **School Improvement Plan Priorities**

- To further develop play pedagogy in the younger classes,
- To focus on the Learning, Teaching and Assessment moderation cycle and use it to evaluate and improve work in our classes,
- To introduce the Skills Framework to all stakeholders and use it to develop children’s ability to set their own targets.

### **Participatory Budget**

After consultation, the decision was made to spend this on the school trips. We have £1715 meaning every child in the school will have one school trip which is free of charge.

### **Sport Scotland Gold Award**

We have submitted our application for this award and hope to hear back in the next few weeks.

### **Fund Raising**

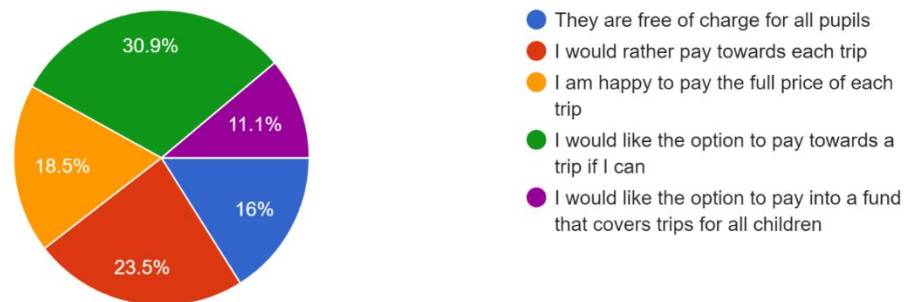
The school is organising a raffle for the Christmas Shows this year. We would probably do another one at some point but it would be helpful to know ASAP what fund raising the parent council hope to do, when they hope to do it and what they would like to use the money for.

### **Ideas for Financial Support from the Parent Council**

- Transport to sporting events
- Christmas gifts for P1-3
- Hoodies for P7 leavers
- Annual Pantomime Visit
- School trips (a specified amount per child)
- Christmas Parties

How would you prefer we managed the cost of trips?

81 responses



- SLC Grant
  - Looks like little or no money will be coming from SLC this year after receiving email.

- AOCB
  - Ilka to put out message on “X” (Twitter) to show we are still here!
  - Couple of donation tins to be given to Nursery. (Jennifer will sort)
  - Parentportal now have app- Ilka to check if able to log in on two different devices.
  
- Next meeting dates will be (all 7pm-9pm):
  - 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023
  - 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024
  - 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024
  - 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024
  - 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024
  - 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024
  - Next AGM 27<sup>th</sup> August 2024
  - Steph will arrange hall lets (Ilka to pass on form and instructions)