

Carnwath Primary School and Nursery Class Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 9th May 2017

Present: G Ramsay, P Easton, J Stewart, J Waddell, I McMillan, J Kane.

Apologies: R Walker, E Jones, A Robertson, A Moffat.

- G Ramsay welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- There was a good response to the recent questionnaire given out to parents with 86% of parents stating that it would be a good idea to offer coffee and a chat to the new P1 parents on the first day of school and that the P2 parents would be the best people to chat to them. Other information gathered were ideas for fundraising which included afternoon tea, adult disco, body shop party, bingo, ceilidh, psychic night. 98% of parents stated that they would be willing to pay £1 for after school clubs.
- Pupil equity fund update: there will be a focus on numeracy with numicon training for both group working and working with individuals. The other focus will be literacy.
- The Summer funday is scheduled to take place on Friday 9th June with lots of exciting things for the children.
- Music tuition is now in progress as per the letters given out to pupils.
- A parent council social evening was discussed for parents who don't know what the parent council does to encourage more parents to get involved - a date will be confirmed at the next meeting.
- A provisional date of Friday 6th June has been put forward for the fundraising ceilidh.

Head Teachers Report:

- We have planted our new orchard with the help and support of Gouldings Garden Centre who very kindly delivered our new trees and then helped the children to plant them properly. They have also delivered some trees this week which will go behind the muga in the hope of making us a small 'forested' area which the children will be able to use once the trees have established themselves.

- World of Work Week turned into 2 weeks with the majority of visitors coming during the first week and then the children completing homework and in school tasks the second. Our thanks go to all of the adults who gave us their time to share their knowledge and talents with the children. At the end of the second week they shared their learning with each other and P6/7 spoke about their business enterprise and how they had run their business. This clearly demonstrated that the children had learned a lot. P6/7 spoke about their future plans in terms of life and work – very impressively! We are already thinking about next year.
- BHC Ltd will be coming next week to build and install our new bench seating. Once this is done the children will be able to go outside as a class and the small story telling chair will also be able to go out.
- We will be having our Book Fair during the week starting 22nd May and hopefully this will encourage children to read more. There will be a competition for the children in school with a winner from each class.

The next meeting of the Parent Council will be on Tuesday 6th June.