

Carnwath Primary School and Nursery Class Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 20th February 2019

Present: P Easton, S Alexander, R Walker, W Wilson, D Knox-Welsh,
A Hartland, M Reid, L Brown.

Apologies: J Morrison, A Moffat, L Finlay, K Cook, A Robertson.

Head Teacher's report:

* We were very lucky to have Audrey Dick from Apple Pie to talk to P7 about running a business as part of their preparation for their enterprise education. She gave them lots to think about!

* Richard Struthers, BHC Ltd, will be coming out on Wednesday next week to take part in a Dragons Den with P7. They will have to bid for the money to run their enterprise and Richard really makes them think when he comes.

* Primary 5-7 have had a block of rugby training from Biggar Rugby Club for which we are very grateful. This has also involved talking about health and wellbeing.

* We are grateful to 4 students from University of West of Scotland who came to work with our nursery children and our P6 and P7 children around the area of resilience.

* Mrs Alexander has had some training about dyscalculia which she felt was very worthwhile and will help her to support youngsters who are struggling with numeracy.

* Some of our Early Years staff have been working with other staff from Biggar Learning Community. They have been discussing writing, outdoor learning and health and wellbeing.

* Recently teaching staff have had training, along with others in the Learning Community, on moderation of writing and developing Learning Walls.

* Mrs Smart has started work with the anti-bullying committee to develop an anti-bullying position statement. They have worked well together and shared their ideas. Today she has been to an anti-bullying conference run by RespectMe.

* Early Years have started looking at numbers of children looking for a nursery place in 2019-2020. If you know of anyone who has children who will be ready to start at nursery next session please ask them to enrol their child as soon as possible.

* This year we have changed our overnight stay for the P6 children. Instead of camping we are taking them to Wiston Lodge overnight. This seems to have been popular with the children and if it goes well, we will consider making this an annual event.

* We are very fortunate to have Daniel Millar working with our P4 and P5 children on a Monday night afterschool club focussing on multisports

Financial Report: Financial report read out was a sum of money that had been put aside for a bill for an old school let that was contested by the committee at the time, decided to move this money back to the overall fund as too much time had passed.

Bank: Roy walker Raised the point of Signatories. As we only Have one member of the Current Committee to do this Roy walker. William Wilson and David Knox-welsh filled out relevant paperwork just need Karen Cook to sign then it's a trip to the bank with I.D. and we should be good to go.

Funding: The £1000 grant from SLC. Was discussed that we could see if this could be used for the Scottish Opera coming to the school at the cost of £850 if this wasn't possible look at applying for outdoor equipment i.e. outside reading area. David is in the process of applying for £1500 from Loaningdale to help offset the cost of the school trips.

Local Community Ties: Carnwath in bloom are going to be cutting back on the work they do throughout the village it was suggested that maybe the children

could get involved with planting in the large planters along the main street.
This is yet to be confirmed on if/how this will be implemented.

Fundraising ideas for coming year:

Recipe book, story book, year book for P7(not this year) tea towels.

It was decided on the night not to go ahead with the year book as the children already receive a DVD with pictures from their time at Carnwath Primary.

Receipts: If you have any receipts for items Bought for the Christmas Disco could you please hand them to Roy Walker so you can be reimbursed.

If you have any points/questions that you or any other parents want to be raised or discussed, please let myself or David know before the next meeting.

Meeting concluded 2040Hrs.

The next planned meeting of the Parent Council will be Wednesday 20th March 2019 1830Hrs.

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