

Carnwath Primary School and Nursery Class Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 20th March 2019

Present: P Easton, R Walker, W Wilson, D Knox-Welsh,
M Reid, K Cook, J Bowie, A Robertson

Apologies: J Morrison, A Moffat, L Finlay, A Hartland, A Robertson.

Head Teacher's report:

* Mrs Alexander and Mrs Easton attended a 'Maths Circles' training event this month. The aim of the maths circle was to give parents and children a chance to work together on a maths problem. Children were given the freedom to choose what problem they wanted to work on. We aim to trial this with P5/6 next term and if the trial is positive then we will use this approach with other classes next year.

* We have had an excellent Health Week with several visitors enhancing the children's experiences. They were able to take part in yoga, Heartstart and reflective spaces amongst many other things. My thanks to all staff who arranged for friends to come and support us to make this a success.

* P4/5 have visited Amazonia today and P5/6 are visiting Stirling Castle on Friday as part of their class work.

* Next week Miss Reid and Mrs McRae will be taking part in West Partnership moderation events. This is a chance for them to work with teachers from other Authorities to agree on standards in both numeracy and writing. We hope that both teachers will learn from others as well as sharing their own good practice.

* Next week Ed Archer is visiting P5/6 and P2/3 will be working around the village on their topic

* P1 will be having their health checks next week

* Parental Consultations will be next Wednesday

* Next Thursday Mr Robert Stewart, Head Teacher at Biggar High School, will be coming to work with our P7 children. This will allow him to get to know them and also give the children a chance to ask any questions they may have.

* We finish at 2.30pm next Friday for our Spring Break. There will be an Easter assembly led by Alex Kelly at 10am which parents are welcome to attend.

Financial Report: Financial report was read out. Majority of school trips.

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, David Knox-welsh and Karen Cook filled out relevant paperwork just need to sign at 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 more cooking equipment for the children also possibility of bringing in a chef. David received a cheque 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. (this was the same as last month but David is going to find out about applying for funding as a group i.e. different groups in the community.

Fundraising ideas for coming year:

4th June 19 – Sponsored event in the school yet to be confirmed on exactly what this will be, suggestions for this where a bounce/obstacle course – fitness.

Possible school branded lunch boxes, pencils and various stationary for start of school year (August).

Members of the committee are going to look into the costing of school calendars.

Halloween Disco – 29th October 19 details can be finalized at start of new year.

Christmas Fayre – dates have yet to be confirmed.

Tea towels - Mrs Easton will be doing this for the school this year hoping to launch late November into December.

Disclosure: Mrs Easton confirmed that someone is in place to now deal with the disclosures for members of the committee. (Mrs Easton has emailed said person and requested the forms).

Charity Status: Was discussed that the Parent council could apply for charity status. Members of the council are going to look into this to see if it would be beneficial to the parent council.

Clothes Bank: the Clothes bank in the village gives a percentage of the money made to the school, however it has been an ongoing issue that its not emptied regularly and people end up taking the clothes elsewhere. Suggested that we get in touch with them possibly ask for a second clothes bin. Also possibly advertise that the clothes bin helps out the school to make more people aware.

School app: Discussed about getting a school app like some schools already in South Lanarkshire. The school app can have weekly updates and easier access to information.

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 24th April 2019 1830Hrs.

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