

Carnwath Primary School and Nursery Class Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 23rd January 2019

Present: P Easton, R Walker, W Wilson, D Knox-Welsh,

J Morrison, M Reid, A Robertson, L Brown.

Apologies: S Fraser, A Moffat, A Hartland, K Cook.

Head Teacher's report:

We have some staff absence since our return to school in January, however we are managing well and as always all staff are working well to manage this.

* Enrolment week last week went well although I still have some parents to come so I have no idea how many P1 children we can expect yet.

* Tracy Porteous and Helen Cochrane have attended a 2 day nurture training course last week so will be working through their homework prior to their third day's training. We will then look to introduce more of the nurture approach throughout the school. This fits nicely with our health and wellbeing development work.

* Sharon Alexander and I were at a Healthy Schools event yesterday where we were able to meet other professionals who are willing to work with us and the children. We will discuss this as a staff with a view to adding some more things to our health and wellbeing planner.

* Our anti-bullying group had their first meeting this morning which was very positive. We have children representing the Rights Respecting Forum and the Pupil Council and two parents and a member of the Community Council on the group as well as Mrs Smart and Mrs Miller. There was good discussion as we looked at the results of the pupil, parent and staff questionnaires and there

were some good ideas put forward. Anne Smart and I will be attending an anti-bullying conference next month to learn about some more ideas.

* The children are practising hard for their part in Friday's Scottish Celebration which is usually very popular with parents and friends of the school.

* P5-7 are currently having rugby coaching from Biggar Rugby Club which is going very well.

* P5 will be starting their music initiative this week and that will run till June. Steven Johnstone who is a music specialist comes in to work with the children. I have asked if he could possibly do something with our keyboards but am waiting to see what he thinks.

* Miss Reid and Mrs Millar are running an afterschool cooking club for Primary 2 and 3.

* Miss Smith is running afterschool netball and Miss Brown is running afterschool cross country for the older children.

Financial Report: From the School Disco monies made £270.90

Bank: Roy walker Raised the point of Signatories. As we only Have one member of the Current Committee to do this Roy walker. Roy discussed that he needs details from current committee and also how we have to go into the RBS (probably Lanark Branch) with some proof of I.D. and get added to the list.

Thankyou: A thankyou to all that helped out with the school Disco and a big thanks to all the teachers and staff that attended, you all made it a gleaming success.

Funding: Possibility of up to £1000 grant from SLC. Possible applications to Tesco and Co-Op, also there's a possibility of applying for £1200 from Loaningdale to help offset the cost of the school trips.

School Fairs: If we are able to secure the £1200 form Loaningdale we will not go ahead with the spring fair, we can then from around Easter start planning the Christmas fair.

Local Community Ties: Possible linking with Community Links possible garden patch, within the school grounds or project within the community.

PVG: William Wilson asked about members of the parent council applying for a PVG. Mrs Easton stated that she would look into the paperwork side of life and let us know the names put forward are :- D Knox-Welsh. K Cook, L Finlay, W Wilson.

Fundraising ideas for coming year:

Disco, ladies' night, Bingo night, Sponsored something within the school.

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.

P7: Was also discussed that we could have a school leavers disco for P7's near the end of school year (details and decision yet to be made).

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 Feb 2019 1830Hrs.

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