

Carnwath Primary School and Nursery Class Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 22nd October 2019

Present: P Easton, R Walker, W Wilson, D Knox-Welsh,
S Bowie, A Robertson, A Hartland, F McLuggage, L Finlay,
C McGuigan.

Apologies: J Morrison, A Moffat, S Fraser, M Reid, S Alexander, I Graham.

Head Teacher's report:

- P2 led the assembly on 4th October and told us all about their emotions and the things they had learned using the EmotionWorks programme in class. They were super – what a great start to this year's assemblies!
- P5/6 had a great trip to Dynamic Earth.
- Thanks to all who donated to the Harvest food collection. The Clydesdale Food Bank have written a letter to thank you all for your generosity.
- P7 are currently in Lockerbie and so far have had a fantastic time.
- This week the nursery have offered parents the opportunity to attend an ante pre-school talk and a pre-school talk. Both events offer an opportunity for parents to find out more about what is happening in nursery and to ask questions.
- We are delighted to be having an author visit tomorrow. Christopher Duke is coming to speak to the children about 'Lucy's Blue Day' which highlights the different emotions Lucy has. This fits well with our EmotionWorks programme and we are looking forward to welcoming Christopher.

· I would like to thank all the parents who completed a 'Cost of the School Day' questionnaire. I have collated the results of both the parental and the pupil questionnaires which we will now look at. I will put together a working group with staff, parent and pupil representatives to discuss the way forward and how we can ensure all children are supported to access all educational opportunities as well as we are able.

Financial Report:

Financial report was read out. No real movement since last meeting however been a increase in the use of easy fundraising app.

Halloween Disco:

Taking place Tuesday 29th Oct. Returns in so far are at around 70 kids attending. We have made up 100 bags of sweets to allow for any extra that might turn up on the night. Let booked to start at 5pm and finish at 9pm. Asked a few members of the Parent council if available to turn up around 5pm to help DJ with equipment and the set up.

Gin Night:

At the last meeting we looked at the possibility of Gin tasting event followed by a game's night at the bowling club. We made initial contact with the Gin provider and the bowling club. The bowling club gave 2 dates available in the November but requested a letter to be presented to their committee. Unfortunately, by the time the Gin Company got in touch we had past the deadline. We will have to look at this again in the new year.

Fundraising ideas for coming year:

Christmas fun day, as previously discussed the plan was that on the 6th Dec 19, we would have a fun day for the children including tombola and a sponsored walk etc. However, in light of the recent survey "cost of the school day" it was highlighted that some children did mention that it cost money to have a fun day at school.

A few things were decided to make the day more inclusive of all children.

On the weeks running up to the Nativity the children will be able to guess the amount of sweets in a jar, guess name or DOB of cuddly toy and also buy raffle tickets for a kid hamper.

All Children will then participate in the sponsored walk where the Parent council will provide every child with a Santa hat.

P Easton will put out a request for jars full of sweets n treats on the school app, these will be wrapped up and sold at the Nativity.

Other Business:

Was raised about the cost not the quality of the school photographer (TEMPEST). Parents provided 2 photos of each of their children and if they have more than one child at the school, they usually have a group photo too. Tempest as a company can be really expensive but you are unable to do a combination of photos within one of the cheaper packages. This also adds to the cost of the school day as most parents will buy the school photo regardless.

P Easton said that this is something that will be looked into and we can see if we could get a cheaper provider but still have the same quality of photo, or see if tempest could do a cheaper combo deal.

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 2015Hrs.

The next planned meeting of the Parent Council will be

13th November 2019 @ 1830Hrs.

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ALL WELCOME