



Carstairs Junction Primary School
and Early Learning & Childcare
Our Wee School's a Good Wee School



Parents as Partners Parent Council Agenda

Minutes: 17/01/24

1. **Attendance:** Jill Armour, Margaret Turner, Rebecca Muir, Emma Henderson, Elizabeth Cleghorn, Briony Reddington, Emma New, Alison Bone, Mari Hart

Apologies: Silvia Savova, Leann Macdonald

Meeting started with an introduction to the new Acting Assistant Head Teacher – Alison Bone. We also welcomed Mari Hart to the Parent Council as an ELC parent.

1. **Minutes of previous meeting:** MT had meetings with council re budget cuts. MT thanked everyone for the success of the Christmas Raffle. Total figure raised was £1276!

2. Correspondence:

MT attended Chair's Locality Meeting – introduced to new Executive Director (Carole McKenzie) and discussed budget cuts within education.

3. Treasurer's Report:

£2680.11 current balance – all payments are up to date
£300 float

4. Communication between ELC and parents:

PC discussed with JA that we felt a lack of communication within the ELC and have asked for the bulletin board to be updated on a weekly basis for everyone to see to prevent any further missed events.

We also discussed the outbreak of chicken pox and that this was to be put on Parents Portal and Learning Journals for all to see.

5. Pupil Council Presentation

The Pupil Council gave their presentation on anti-bullying. They created a poster for this and to share the school values – happy, inclusive, nurturing and respectful. JA will send a copy of the anti-bullying policy out. Pupil Council are going to start different lunchtime clubs – to be discussed further.

6. Pedal Pals

School have been successful in securing funding from the Renewable Energy Fund providing bikes for children within the school and community. JA attended meeting with Healthy Valleys, Gear Up, Cycling Scotland, SLC (Active Travel Project Officer) and a representative from the Welcome All Hub. Next step is to meet with Lanark Cycles to discuss a quote for purchasing bikes and helmets and future bike maintenance. JA asked if anyone within the community would be willing to receive training on bike maintenance.

PC received funding but have written cheque and handed into school.

7. Head Teachers Report: see attached document.

8. **Events:** PC have decided to arrange another Daffodil Tea coffee morning following the success of last year. Confirmed date is 22/03/24 starting at 9.45am. Will discuss further at next meeting.
9. **Action to be taken:** Add Alison Bone, Mari Hart and Wendy Thompson (ELC Team Leader) to all future emails and correspondence with PC.
10. **Next meeting:** 28/02/24 at 9:30am