**Carrick Academy Parent Council**

**Monday 6th November 2017**

**At 7pm**

**Meeting Room, Carrick Academy**

**In attendance** Shona Stevens - Head Teacher, Aileen Fisher - Chairperson, Emma Broun - Secretary, Moira Paton – Treasurer, Jennifer Finlay, Elaine Cubin, Linda Lzatt, Lindsay Cunningham, Shelley Baillie,

**Apologies** Alison Purdie, Donna McMillian , Alan Thom, Sharon Robb, Hugh Paterson, Brian Connolly, Sam McWhirter, Shona McMillian, Caroline Alexander, Sarah Hall

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Moira Paton seconded by Shelley Baillie

**Financial Report**

£144.00 was given to the Treasurer for the Rag Bag donation that was

made after the Charity Shop Week.

A discussion was had around the expenditure in the past year and the account

Balance to date.

**Head Teacher Report**

1. Staffing

Fiona O’Connell is now on maternity leave, we have Drew Broadley with us full time until Fiona returns.

The 0.6 FTE Design and Technology vacancy has been re-advertised and we have two applicants; interviews will be held on the 14 November.

Jan Duncan (Teacher of Business Studies) is retiring at Christmas.  Rhona Little will take on the full-time post and her 0.5 FTE post has been advertised.

2. P7 Visit and School Roll for New S1

P7 visited the school last week; they had a great day in PE taking part in a challenge in the morning followed by a visit to some classes in the afternoon.  We hosted 94 pupils on the day but we were given 102 names.  Some of these pupils are from Maidens and Dailly who will attend Girvan but we should have numbers in the mid 90’s which will increase our school roll.

3. Accommodation

The stairwells in HE and Business have now been completed. Some of the school surface has been re-tarmacked. SAC may refurbish the front entrance; this will be funding dependant.

4.  School Vision and Values

These have now been agreed and are as follows:

Vision: Be ambitious; discover your talents; strive for success.

Values: Respect, Honesty, Ambition, Responsibility, Fairness

Aims:

To provide a safe and welcoming environment where learning can be enjoyed and positive relationships fostered.

To promote an ethos where young people are listened to, respected and supported.

To provide the best quality learning experiences which encourage our young people to set and achieve aspirational goals and prepare them for life beyond school.

To work in partnership and create opportunities for all that will foster pride in our local community.

With the support of the Parent Council funding we have put up new signage in the school sharing our vision and values.  We will continue to add to this across the school as funding becomes available.

5.  Proposed Changes to the School Day:

TS Stevens informed parents that there is a proposal to move the school day to 32 teaching periods plus a 10 minute ‘registration’ period each day.  To accommodate the 10 minutes slot, the school day would start at the same time and P1 would start at 8.55am – all other periods would move forward 10 mins.  To enable the school day to end at the same time as present, it is being proposed that the lunch time is shortened by 10 mins to 40 minutes.  This means that the timing of periods after lunch will remain unchanged.  To accommodate the 10 minutes each day, period 7 on a Wednesday would be removed resulting in two long days (Mon/Tues) and three short days (Wed/Thurs/Fri).

The 10 minutes slot each day would be used for one of the four contexts for learning: ‘Ethos and life of the school’.  Registration will be taken, school bulletin shared, year groups assemblies, house assemblies, diary check, uniform checks, promotion of school values etc.

TS Stevens explained that the time taken to deliver ‘Ethos and life of the school’ would be taken from the following subjects:

S1 – Choice class

S2 and S3 – Support for Learning class

S4, S5 and S6 – a period of PE.

The next step:  D Hutchison is preparing a paper which will be taken to the leadership panel to ask that they carry out wide consultation with pupils, parents and staff.  This information will be collated and the results taken back to the leadership panel in February.  If agreed, implementation will take place in August.

6.  On-line Payments:

SAC have introduced a new system for parents to pay for activities etc. in school by introducing on-line payments.  Information has already been shared with all parents and their on-line login details will be coming soon.

7.  School Fayre:

This will take place on Saturday 2 December in the Community Wing and PE Dept.  The Heads of House are organising this event to raise money for school funds which support curricular activities.  Local companies can hire a stall at a cost of £10 each.  The Parent Council are being asked to sell the teas and coffees on the day.

8.  Mindfulness in the Community:

Lindsay McBain is delivering ‘mindfulness’ to pupils in school as part of a 10 week block; this is to support with their mental wellbeing.  She is also delivering staff sessions and has held a parent event to share the work that she is doing with young people.  She is working in partnership with another organisation to offer adult sessions in the community and would like to seek advice on where is the best place for these sessions to be held and what time of the day would make them more accessible for parents/the community.

After discussion, it was decided that the best venue would be the Carrick Centre starting at 7pm on a Mon-Thurs evening.

9.  Remembrance Services:

Services will be held in school on Friday.  On Saturday, Ruth Collins and two of the school captains will be at the Greenside to represent the school at 11am.  On Sunday TS Stevens and J Rusk will attend the Sunday service with the captains.  They will then follow the procession to the war memorial and go on to the Greenside where the Maybole 500 Time Capsule will be buried.

10. Help! I’ve got a Teenager:

This event will be held in school on Tuesday 14 November; all parents are invited from the school along with the parents of our P7 children.  The sessions are offered to support parents with issues that are relevant to our children’s wellbeing at present.

**Correspondence**

1. Scottish Schools Pipe Band

A Fisher told the P.C. about the event and her enjoyment after having attended last year. T.S. Stevens had passed the information regarding the event onto the Music Dept. for consideration.

2. Carrick Christmas Fair

The Parent Council are happy to manage the teas and coffees and suggested a charge of £1.50 which would include a Mince Pie or Shortbread. We would also offer diluting juice for children. A. Fisher agreed to buy 60 Mice Pies; TS Stevens agreed to have the school canteen make Shortbread. The P.C. made the following suggestions for fund raising:

Sell tickets at £1 each with a number written on each ticket, the buyer writes their name and tel. number on the ticket and a prize draw takes place on the day

Sell squares, at £1 each, on a Map of the World for where Santa will deliver parcels first.

Get a hold of the box with various keys £1 for 3 keys, this is a good money maker if a substantial prize is put inside the box – TS Stevens to contact Lindy McGready to locate box

Sharon Robb passed on her thanks to the P.C. for the flowers she received at the A.G.M.

**A.O.C.B**

M.Paton is arranging the transfer of signatures on the bank account. S.Baillie to be added and B.Flemming & J.Limond to be removed.

A Quiz Night in The Carrick Centre was suggested early 2018, E Broun will make enquires

It was agreed that the all attending members should review The Constitution will a view to making amendments at the next meeting.

E Broun will contact SPTC and take out Insurance

**Date of next meeting** : **Monday 15th January 2018 at 7pm**