

## **Machanhill Parent Council Meeting - Held on Tuesday 14th November 2023**

### Present

Cheryl Marley, Stephen Shields, Zoe Hughes, Ricky Hutton, Charlene Barclay, Lynn Hunter, Emma Thomson, Emma Mackie, Sarah Semple, Ana Jornea, Mrs. Boyle and Mrs. O'Neill.

### Apologies

Apologies were received from Sharon McCallum, Graeme Clark, Vasile Jornea, Dawn Coffey, Barry Brownlie and Tracey McCranor.

### Welcome

Cheryl opened the Meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance.

### Head Teachers Report

Mrs. Boyle advised that the P7 children had a great time at Lockerbie Manor. The parents of the current P6 pupils have attended an introductory meeting and the school have booked for 3 days again next year at the same time. If the school returns again to Lockerbie Manor in 2026, then consideration will be given to going Wednesday to Friday to allow the children recovery time over the weekend.

The children participated in many different activities during Enterprise Week, which was finished off with parents being invited to take part in challenges with their children. Other activities included a Kapla challenge, Dragon's Den and visits from a variety of people in various professions who spoke to the children about their work.

#MAC was running weekly for identified pupils between January - March. A questionnaire will be sent seeking feedback to families who participated to measure viability for next session.

Room 6 enjoyed a very informative visit to a local dairy farm where they got to see cutting edge machinery milk the cows. Rooms 1 and 2 have a visit to Loganair at Glasgow Airport planned on 29/4/24 and Room 4 and the Nursery also have trips planned with the details to follow.

P6 and P7 children attended the recent SLC cross country event and brought back several individual and team medals. At the overall final, Josh from P7 came in 2nd place which was a fantastic achievement.

P1 staff have been visiting and liaising with Calderwood PS and Southpark PS to share their knowledge and experiences of play based learning. This is part of SLC Education Peer Review programme of which Machanhill was a pilot school.

This term there will be a review of the School Improvement Plan where targets will be identified and set for next session. This will be shared with the Parent Council at the first meeting in the new session. The school will seek feedback from parents which will likely be via Google forms.

Interviews for the Team Leader position within the school office take place next week. It is hoped that a suitable candidate will be interviewed, and will be in place prior to the summer. Mrs. Morrow, Team Leader at Stonehouse PS continues to provide cover in the office since Mrs. Paton left.

Mr. Duffy is the Room 7 teacher who is replacing Mrs. McGrath during her maternity leave. Mrs. McGrath has given birth to a beautiful baby girl this week. We also welcome Mrs. Reid

to the school who has filled the vacant position following Mrs. Johnson moving on to another role.

### Other Matters

#### Larkhall Gala

A recent poll on the Mums & Dads page resulted in 58% of those who voted deciding on the theme of Celebrating 100 years of Disney. A post will be shared asking for donations of unwanted Disney costumes to be handed into the school where they can then be made available to children wanting to take part in the school's gala parade.

Discussions took place around the feasibility of using a lorry or dressing a members car. The school was asked if the children would be able to help decorate the float.

#### Summer Fayre

This Summer Fayre will be held on Friday 31/5/24 between 6pm - 8pm. A letter will be issued asking for donations for the Raffle and Tombola in place of the £1 dress down donation. Discussion took place around inviting a limited number of external stallholders to the fayre and what should be charged. Initially this will be offered to Mums and Dads via the Facebook page. Ricky agreed to visit the businesses in Larkhall to source donations for the fayre. It is hoped that the main prizes in the raffle can be sourced from donations received. It was agreed to organise the usual stalls including Tea & Coffee, Barbecue, Tombola, Raffle Wine Bottle, Craft Stall, Games Stall, Pre-Loved Stall, Home Baking Stall, Pocket Money Stall and Bouncy Castle. Other stalls planned are Prime Stall, Beat the Goalie and Sponge the Janny. Sharon is currently looking into sourcing the pony rides and ice cream van. The Fire and Police services are to be approached to see if they were able to attend the fayre. Any other ideas and suggestions are welcomed.

### Important Dates

The next meeting is Tuesday 7th of May 2024 at 6.30pm.

The date of the Summer Fayre Prep is Tuesday 28th of May between 6pm - 8pm.

The date of the Summer Fayre is Friday 31st of May between 6pm - 8pm.

### Meeting Closed

Cheryl closed the meeting, and thanked those present for their attendance.