

**MINUTES of Carmondean Parent Council Meeting held on Wednesday,  
6.11.19**

**Present:** Gordon Chree (Chair)  
Gillian Brunt (Vice)  
Gillian Millar - Headteacher  
Matt Shanks - DHT  
Claire Pringle - Acting PT (Nursery)  
Aileen Jamieson - Class Teacher  
Fiona Harding - PSW (Minutes)

Kirsty Laing  
Laura Sneddon  
John Mackay

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Gordon thanked everyone present for the support they have shown him whilst he has served as Chairperson on Parent Council.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**Bike Racks**

Following on from the previous meeting when the installation of bike racks was proposed, GC had contacted the Council, but to date has heard nothing back. After some price research on these and discussion with the PSA, it might be as well if the school fund these with PSA help as they are inexpensive.

**Novovirus Letter**

GC had received a number of queries following the letter sent out to all parents/guardians yesterday on the recent vomiting outbreak and asked what the policy was re children washing their hands. HT said the school had followed the correct procedure and the matter had been taken very seriously, especially as the P6 classes had been particularly badly hit, with almost half the children in these classes being affected. NHS were informed of outbreak and had validated how we were dealing with this and had suggested a letter home. PC informed that every child in each class is sent out for hand washing prior to them joining their lunch line and

staff are constantly reminding children to wash hands after visiting the toilet. It would also be prudent if parents could adhere to keeping their children off for the suggested 48 hour period, as some have been returning sooner than that and infecting others. A deep clean of all areas had been instigated, especially toilet, sinks and door handles, in an effort to halt the spread of the virus.

### **Retiral of Chairperson**

Due to relocation, this is Gordon's last meeting at CPS. HT thanked Gordon for his hard work and contribution to the school. As Gillian Brunt is Vice Chair it was proposed and agreed that along with Laura Sneddon, they will co-Chair the PC. Kirsty Laing offered her help as well but not as an office bearer.

### **Developing our new Vision, Values and Aims - The Journey**

Claire Pringle Acting PT presented findings on the above. Staff were asked a range of questions through an online questionnaire e.g. they were each tasked to think of four words which underpin the values at CPS. Of the extensive list the nine most common words selected were - nurture, respect, achieving, equality, compassion, supportive, honesty, dedication and inclusive. All question results were analysed and used to form the basis for the next step in our research which was to consult with the parents and carers, where they were asked to complete an online survey on iPads during Parent's Evening consultations. Out of 129 responses, questions asked were -

How aware are you of our school's Vision, Values and Aims?

74.4% said they are either fully aware or quite aware. We are striving for 100%.

How important is a school vision to you?

75.2% agreed that it is very important

When asked what makes our school unique these were the most common themes with not one single negative comment -

- The determination of the teachers to strive for only the best for the pupils.
- Everyone is very friendly.
- Good communication and support
- The rounded education provided.
- Pupil teacher relationships
- Nurturing and safe friendly environment
- Lots of extra curricular activities
- A togetherness between staff and pupils.

When asked what they would like us to achieve for their children, key themes were of reaching their full potential, happiness and safety, a broad and balanced curriculum and setting them up for later life -

- Happiness
- A good life
- Best academic skills achievable but with a good mixture of social skills.
- To encourage them to do their best always
- A good foundation for future learning
- Happy, confident children who are set up for success through learning and play.
- Happy, safe and to thrive academically.

We then took our findings to our children through a 'diamond 9 approach' which incorporated the nine key words - respect, honesty, nurturing, equality, achieving, supportive, compassion, inclusive and dedication - all teachers did a lesson discussing the work done on vision, values and aims and our children were asked which of the findings were most important to them. Class results were collated with the staff and parent questionnaires and our drafted vision, values and aims statement reads thus -

### **Our Vision**

To be a vibrant learning community where we work together to support each child to reach their full potential.

### **Our Values**

- Respect
- Nurturing
- Achieving
- Inclusive

### **Our Aims**

#### Learning & Teaching

To provide the highest quality learning and teaching experiences that enable pupils to enjoy their education and develop positive attitudes towards learning.

#### Vision & Leadership

To have an inspiring and ambitious shared vision that encourages all our children to feel safe, happy and respected within our setting.

#### Partnership

To work alongside our parents and the community to ensure continual improvement for our children and families.

## People

To nurture and promote good relationships and a sense of belonging within our school and the wider community.

## Culture & Ethos

To create a welcoming, inclusive, nurturing and happy environment where achievement, in all its forms, is valued and celebrated.

PC agreed that there had been fantastic discussion and involvement around the children. We will now use this as a basis at assemblies each week and embed this within the school. It is hoped we can include the values around our school badge and also develop a prominent wall display in the school which draws the attention of everyone who visits.

## **A.O.B**

### **Pupil Groups**

DHT asked for any willing volunteers to help with the Eco Group. This will run during school hours, possibly a Monday or Tuesday with Mrs Muir, so if you are available please consider volunteering your assistance.

### **Friday Lunches**

GB asked if it was necessary to include a bottle of water in the packed lunches. Unfortunately, we do not have control over this and HT suggested GB email Catering Services about this as they deal with the lunches. Milk cartons are soon to be phased out too.

### **Branding for Uniforms**

GB has a contact who may be able to provide branding on polo and sweat shirts at a more competitive price than our current supplier. She will liaise with contact, provide samples and discuss options with staff.

### **Persuasive Writing**

As part of a persuasive writing lesson, P7 have been shown a fictitious letter by HT which proposes the building of a pickled onion factory on our playing field. Obviously they are outraged and wished the matter to be brought to the attention of the PC! Through this piece of writing it will be P7s job to convince the powers that be that this does not go ahead.



