

Cornhill Parent Council

Wednesday 11th of September 2024, 6pm

Present : Heather Mackintosh, Diane Rough, Lyndsey Spiers, Monika Krakowska, Mark Evans, Helen Young, Vicky Low, Carole Jamieson, Becky Bennet, Deena Tisera, Neil Copland, Nicola Bermingham, Samantha Moir, Farhan Misarwala and p7 children

1. Welcome and Introductions

Diane welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked the primary seven children who had attended to tell us their experiences walking to and from school and our local councillors who had come to hear them.

2. Apologies

Hazel Cameron.

5. School Travel Plan

At the last meeting Mrs Bennett had come to talk about the school's travel plan, which promotes healthy and sustainable travel. Whilst this was mostly positive it had raised a few issues. We invited some P7 children and our local councillors to come and discuss these.

Lack of dog poo bins. There is a lot of dog poo lying around as you can't always see it, it is very easy to step in. Not only is this horrible, it can carry diseases.

Rubbish, especially broken glass, is lying all around, one of the p7 boys said that he had to go to A&E as broken glass had gone through his shoe and cut his foot.

Drunks are hanging around the shops beside Aldi and the Co-op, intimidating the children. They can be quite frightening and harassing, throwing empty beer bottles so that they break and threatening the children on the way into the shop.

Ebikes are also a problem, with lots of near misses.

Diane said that she was very proud of the children for coming to tell us about their experiences, that the children should not have had to experience the things they have, and that hopefully the councillors will be able to do something about it.

Neil pointed out that it was a criminal offence to not pick up your dog poo. It was thought that placing dog poo bags around the school might encourage people to pick up the poo. Neil is also going to look into getting a bin at the new nature gym across from the school. He also said that he would ask police to patrol the shops around school pick up time, to try and stop the intimidating behavior from the drunks.

3. Head Teachers Report

Mr Evans stated that it was a positive start to the year and we had a full complement of teaching staff. We do have some long term absences from PSAs and this is an issue, as we have no bank staff that can be called upon to help. This issue has been raised at a central level, and at the moment we are using early years teachers.

Barnardos workers and RADs leaders are back. Carol asked if the p1s also got RADs sessions, Mr Evans stated they did after the holidays when they had settled into their new routines. Children's needs are increasing and they need the yellow and blue room more than before. These are now run by teachers and not PSAs. This year the school has 16 classes 2 of which are composites.

We have a collaboration with Cornhill Community Centres arts group, Nuart and the Suttie Art Space in the hospital.

We also have partner organisations coming into school, some being Adventure Aberdeen helping with bikeability, Mud Pies, the NHS and RADs. There is a possibility of adding a kitchen to the community centre.

Nursery surfaces, we have no soft surfaces for the children to play on. An architect is coming tomorrow to look over this, and to see if there is a possible way to add a bathroom in the blue room.

The Standard and Quality Report and the Public Equity Funding reports have both been handed, just waiting for comments.

The inspection is soon, everyone is working very hard. It will be the week beginning the 30th of September. They will need a focus group if anyone is free to join. Nursery has 2 bodies inspecting it. As they are here, the open afternoon will have to be rescheduled. Mr Evans will be sending out a letter tomorrow with more information from HMIE.

Diane asked Mr Evans to pass on our good wishes to the staff, but we are sure they will be fine.

6. Treasurer's Report

£8,084.95

The summer fair raised £2,300 and the summer disco over £200.

The new sound system is going to cost £2,500 which is much less than was expected.

We agreed that we would pay for next year's bus to Belmont. Diane mentioned that some p7 parents have connections to a bus company and might be able to get us a better rate. Mark was asked why we went to Belmont and not Dalguise, he said that it was cheaper and offered the children a wider range of activities.

Lyndsey was asked if she could request money for the football club. It was agreed that we like to spend money on all the children, not just some of them. Although we would hear them out if they came to the next meeting with a request for funding. Neil mentioned the Denis Law Trust that they might contact to request a donation.

6 – Fundraising

Halloween disco - Wednesday the 30th of October 2024
Christmas Fair - Thursday the 14th of November 2024
Valentines Disco - Wednesday the 19th of February 2025
Bingo - Wednesday the 14th of May 2025
Summer Disco - Wednesday the 11th of June 2025

The DJ is booked for the discos. Diane explained our fundraising events to the new parents, and that we needed about 8 helpers to make sure the discos ran smoothly.

For the Christmas fair, Vicky is going to get the money to the teachers as soon as possible so that they have time to make things. Last year it was very busy and we tried to think of some way to use the space in school so that it was not so congested. We didn't think that outside stall holders would like to be in the hallways, it is best if they mingle with the class tables, as parents flock to them.

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<p>Maybe move some into the community centre? It was suggested that Santa give out a little gift or that we could have a little elf shop, with cheap presents for kids to pick for their parents. It was thought to be a lovely idea, but too much work for the parent council, unless we got more helpers.</p>	
<p>7. AOCB</p> <p>Diane mentioned that 2 out of 3 post holders would be leaving at the end of the year and that chair and secretary posts would need to be filled. Carole and Sammy both expressed an interest in helping out. Heather to forward more information on what the post entails.</p>	HM
<p>8. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday the 13th of November 2024 Wednesday the 5th of February 2025 AGM Wednesday the 21st of May 2025</p>	