



## **Welcome and Introductions**

### Present

Gary Baillie – chair  
Arlene Milne – deputy chair  
Meagan Baillie – treasurer/events  
Clare Casey – Deputy head teacher  
Michelle McFarlane – Principal teacher  
Jacqueline McLaughlin – Head teacher

Julie Chambers, Claire Kennedy, Cassie Love, Louise Sutherland and Kerry Wright

Apologies – Linsey Paton-Donaldson, Fiona Charleston, Kirsty Paterson

## **Head Teacher Report**

### **UNCRC accreditation**

Antonine currently has a Silver accreditation for the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). We have a visit booked for our Gold accreditation in May. PowerPoint shared at parent council meeting will be sent to parent body so everyone will be aware of the work being done and what it's involved to achieve this.

### **Parent questionnaire feedback**

Feedback received from parents at end of 2023 school year suggested two key areas parents are looking for more information on:

- 1) More information on what children are learning in classes. School have addressed by sending bi-monthly curriculum newsletter to detail school learning (Sept, another due in Nov, and again in Dec).
- 2) School Values. School added these to the first newsletter of the school year. They are on the school website, and will be added to twitter soon.

Parents at meeting agreed we are happy with the actions taken and information available.

### **Opportunities to share learning with families**

So far this school year, Antonine have held a Meet the teacher session, Parents nights, and a STEM open afternoon. A Health and Wellbeing open afternoon is planned for April. School are excited to be presenting their Nativity (P1 and P2), plus the Christmas concert soon.

### **Cluster learning**

Antonine staff attended STEM learning opportunity at Denny High during recent staff development day.

### **Placement change panel**



More children to be given the opportunity to attend Antonine, who traditionally may have struggled with Antonine as their main place of learning.

Small number of additional support needs children, or children with specific needs to have their learning supported and needs met with the resources available in school.

More information to follow as this becomes available from Falkirk Council, in term 3.

#### **What matters to me questionnaire**

School asks the children regularly what is important to them and their learning – values and curriculum. Staff currently reviewing their responses, and creating priorities to make a visual to share with our school community.

#### **Fundraising request approval**

Antonine has requested investment from the Parent Council for items requested by children and staff totalling £2538.93.

Approval sought and agreed for PC to fund: pantomime, novelty character bins, reading books, playground toys, footballs, basketballs and a mud kitchen and accessories for the ELC. Happy to invest into the school.

#### **Events update**

Thank you to Cassie Love for all her work and organising behind the scenes of our school discos.

Cassie stepping aside from disco/events role.

Parent Council are recruiting for this role – without the work and organising that our volunteers do in the lead up, these events can not go forward. DJs already booked for our events in 2024.

#### **Finance**

Antonine Parent Council acct – transferred across to new signatories now. Balance £227.62.

The Antonine Parent Teachers Association account has a balance of £7605.57, with monies from the Halloween disco still to be added - just over £300.

Trying to change signatories - three mandates raised and still not actioned. Bank claiming the issues are a backlog.

#### **Any Other Business**

Library group applied for funding for their outdoor library. Antonine were granted the maximum amount of £500 to be used for weatherproof books, and non-fiction to coincide with class topics.

ELC would like opportunities to fundraise with the parent council. PC to have separate meeting to look at fundraising opportunities and will invite Kerry Wright to attend to represent the ELC.

Gary looking at any potential funding streams – any opportunities to be shared with PC.

Congratulations to Antonine's new school administrator, Lynsey Matheson who is doing really well in her new role, as commented on by parents. Huge part of the team already.

Santa buffet box – parents struggling to select this on ipayment. Gary to share screenshot of issue with Mrs McLaughlin.

Antonine Primary School  
Parent Council Meeting  
27/11/23 – 7pm



50/50 update – not going well. Options to advertise – when and where. Paypal discussion.  
Hand out flyers at Christmas concerts. Twitter/social media.

Question from school team: are there any particular areas the school should be focussing on – where do families think the need is, and what would your children benefit from - including nursery kids? Any ideas or suggestions welcomed to school, or to PC.

Meeting close – 7:40pm