



## Lochnorris Primary School Parent Council (Meeting No.3)

Wednesday 3 March 2021 – 7pm

**Present:** C Donnelly, S Hill, C Heggie, A Hill, J Quinn, K Cairns, P Auld, L Thomas, L Wright, K Torbet, L McPhail (DHT), A Hastings, J Shaw (DHT), J Spreadbury, N Young, C O’Driscoll (HT) D Blinkhorn

### 1. Welcome & Meeting Etiquette

C Donnelly explained the use of the functions on the meeting platform and asked people to remain on mute when they weren’t speaking but have the cameras on if possible.

### 2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Gillian O’Kane, Jillian D’Agostino, N Young and Robert Stevenson.

### 3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were circulated in advance of the meeting and approved by general consensus.

### 4. Matters Arising/Action Plan

#### Breakfast Club

A further meeting was held recently with YIP, Breakfast club is likely to go ahead from August 2021 however details are still being worked.

#### Staffing – 1 temporary vacancy

Miss Stevenson (P7) will commence maternity leave at Easter, advert for a backfill is live. She will not return to school after home-schooling due to pending maternity leave.

A temporary replacement for Mrs Dougan-Smith will start on 8<sup>th</sup> March, Alice Cooper. Duration to be confirmed.

### 5. Correspondence

All correspondence received by CD had been circulated to parent council members.



## 6. Head Teacher Update

Views collated via "Feedback Friday" have been published. The response was overwhelmingly positive from parents and supportive emails have been sent from parents direct to teachers. Feedback has been incorporated where possible. "We Care Wednesday's" continue, food parcels have been issued sensitively in conjunction with Cumnock Juniors Community Enterprise. "Click and Collect" will also continue on a Friday during Lockdown with teachers available at various places in Cumnock. Lochnorris Ledger continues also.

A survey on "Click and Collect" has been issued by the school, feedback received has rated the service as 5 star! Collection points were deemed suitable across the town.

186 food parcels have been delivered to date in collaboration with Cumnock Juniors Community Enterprise. The school management have delivered the parcels themselves and want to make sure this can be sustained where possible. The team are aiming to be as discreet during this initiative as possible.

"Mindful Monday" and "Fitness Thursday" are underway as well as a whole school assembly which occurs on a Friday. World book day being supported on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

The recent P4-7 quiz was deemed a success. The school are keen to have a community feel and will look to do similar events in the future to harness this.

Return of P1-3 has gone well despite a recent article in the Cumnock Chronicle. The management team are out in the playground at drop off / pick up each day to direct and manage the footfall. Reminders will be issued to parents in advance of a full return about where to park, reinforcing guidelines around 1 adult per child and to reconfirm the waiting zones. Option to consider staggered start and stop was discussed however C O'D advised that there are various reasons why this doesn't work including considerations across the whole campus.

Wellbeing assessment will be rolled out, endorsed by Education Scotland, which tries to establish if any kids are struggling or upset by the lockdowns etc and they will be supported as needed. The return to school impact on kids was discussed including how the school anticipate and plan to manage engagement.

The Scottish National Standardise Assessments (SNSAs) were discussed. These occur at the end of the school year for P1, 4 and 7.



Home-schooling was deemed to have been more constructive this time around. CD asked that the thanks of the Parent Council be passed on to staff.

### **SLC Update**

P1 to 3 have returned where possible. The children are settling in well and parent communication continues every few days, there are some phased returns with parent cooperation. SLC was selected by the government for a review, the inspector was particularly impressed with the communication tools in place. There was no report output from inspector visit, it was more an informal visit and information gathering. Credit was given to the parents for their efforts with home learning.

It was noted that dogs in the school grounds can be alarming for some of the SLC children and parents are asked not to bring dogs on to school premises.

It was noted that the SLC carpark should be used with school permission only. Also, only main entrance routes should be used.

### **7. School Profile (and links to PEF, Improvement Plan)**

C O'D talked through SMID ratings for Lochnorris in comparison to East Ayrshire overall. Attainment profile for Lochnorris (collated information from Barshare and Greenmill) was discussed in detail. Areas of improvement and consistency of teacher judgements were points of note that will be taken forward by the school. It is anticipated that Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) will be used to help close any attainment gaps.

2021 PEF plan to be collated and Parent Council asked to put forward suggestions on where best to spend the monetary allocation. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Document discussed to be shared with Parent Council. Going forward, attainment will be tracked by class and pupil and analysed and acted upon accordingly.

### **8. AOCB**

It was asked if there was an issue school fire alarm as parents had heard it frequently in the evenings C O'D was unaware of any issues.

CD asked if anything can be done by the Parent Council to support the school, C O'D asked for parents to be encouraged not to abuse parking.



C O'D confirmed that plans are underway for attainment of a Dyslexia Inclusive school award.

9. **Date of next meeting:** 21 April at 7pm.

**The meeting closed.**

**Lochnorris Parent Council – Rolling Action Plan**

Meeting	Item	Action	Update	
<b>27/10/20</b>	Parents Meetings	CO'D	Booking process worked well and these are under way.	
<b>27/10/20</b>	Breakfast Club	C O'D	Initial discussions with YIP world have commenced.	
<b>27/10/20</b>	Contingency Planning	CO'D	This continues in the background and has worked well with P5/6	
<b>03/03/2021</b>	School Profile summary documents to be circulated to members	CD	Circulated.	