



Lochnorris Primary School Parent Council (Meeting No.2)

Wednesday 20 January 2021 – 7pm

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

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.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Russell Cowan and Ashley McPike.

Co-opting member

Member who requested to join did not attend therefore no action required.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were circulated in advance of the meeting and noted as accurate by Stuart Hill and confirmed by Karen Cairns.

Matters Arising/Action Plan

Staffing – 2 vacancies

1 perm and 1 temp position were available. James Milton has been appointed to perm role and Teresa Shawcross has been appointed to the temp position until June. Another vacancy has arisen as a result of Mrs Dougan-Smith having taken a position elsewhere, her position is being covered by a supply teacher for now.

Parents meetings – feedback

General feedback was that the meetings were received positively from the parent perspective, focus was predominantly around wellbeing and settling in. Voice calls were thought to be ok but video or MS Teams calls are also welcomed from the parents. Teachers also felt the calls were positive and noted parent uptake was high. Teachers managed to speak to most parents. Further calls will be arranged in due course.



Breakfast Club

J Shaw advised that progress has been made and a meeting with YIP World took place which included a school tour. Discussions were positive and top level in nature i.e. H&S, food provision and funding. Next steps include more H&S discussions with COVID restrictions central to this. The proposal was deemed feasible and a virtual meeting with all partners to further discuss and confirm is planned. This offering is planned to include Hillside but additional implications would need to be considered i.e. staffing.

Other areas carried forward (see Action Plan)

It was agreed that School Profile action would be carried forward to the next meeting. CO'D to share top level data and explain plans for raising attainment with linkage to PEF spend and School Improvement Plan.

Correspondence - PCSG

A new children services model was discussed as well as a counselling model being proposed for over 10's. It was noted here also that the HSE visited the school unannounced, a small number of minor items were picked up unrelated to the children's environment therefore immediate fixes were implemented.

Correspondence - NPFS

East Ayrshire now has a representative on this board.

Understanding Home Learning

A summary document issued by the school to help home learning and this was written in line with current guidance. C O'D felt that other schools are being very prescriptive but Lochnorris are aiming for flexibility. C O'D stated that good practice from teachers is being shared across the 19 classes and advised that pupil engagement on MS Teams is being monitored and so far this has been positive. C O'D advised that HMI inspectors are sampling 5% of schools to ensure all relevant support is being offered/utilised. Parent feedback regarding home learning was sought via an online survey and the response was positive, 98 responses were received and a few improvements were noted. C O'D was keen to ensure parents understand that there is no pressure to complete all the work but rather focus on what can be done, recognising that parents are often also working from home.



C Donnelly asked that our thanks be relayed to all teaching staff for the huge efforts in preparing and providing feedback on home learning.

Hub / Community

C O'D gave an update on the Hub stating that staffing must be by teaching staff and this is being managed via a rota, 1 day per fortnight. Teachers are encouraged to set class work the day before their Hub day. The Hub cannot be staffed by CA's alone. On average, there are around 15 children in attendance per day.

A huge thanks was passed from C O'D to parents in response to the Foodbank initiative. The school was also able to provide gifts to local care homes. The Click and Collect initiative is aimed at helping parents and has been welcomed by parents. Food parcels are also being delivered discreetly to those in need in conjunction with Cumnock Juniors Community Enterprise. Other engagement and community initiatives were noted as also coming together i.e. virtual assemblies and Fitness Thursday with local business support which is helping build community links with the school.

SLC Home learning and inclusion

A Hastings gave an update on SLC home learning advising that a bespoke package is being developed for each child. SLC staff are relying heavily on parents. Physical and sensory packs are being created and delivered to doors. Daily contact being made with parents via a communication method to suit each family and support provided is tailored to the child. AH confirmed between 5 and 7 children are accessing on site school support.

SLC - 2 new staff members now employed through PEFT funding and will help with inclusion across campus.

Head Teacher Update

C O'D advised that the school have purchased "My Maths Online" to support online delivery and will be deployed shortly. A new initiative of "Lochnorris Leader" is being set up, teachers are to nominate one pupil from each class but the criteria is open. C O'D indicated the school are keen to share successes of the children despite not being in school.

C O'D stated that an EAST teacher resource is in place and is there to be utilised beyond the normal class teacher.



AOCB

Fob access to the car park was noted as problematic. AH to provide access code as required.

Date of next meeting: 3 March 2021 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 20.11

Lochnorris Parent Council – Rolling Action Plan

Meeting	Item	Action	Update	
27/10/20	Parents Meetings	CO'D	Successful – future arrangements subject to restrictions.	
27/10/20	Staffing	C O'D	2 posts now filled, 1 new temporary vacancy	
27/10/20	Breakfast Club	C O'D	Initial discussions with YIP world have commenced.	
27/10/20	Contingency Planning	CO'D	This continues in the background and has worked well with P5/6	
01/12/2020	Re-communication of the parent council email	CD	Available on blog. Approved minutes to be added.	
01/12/2020	Request for School Profile, information around pupil attainment, absence and general pupil demographics.	C O'D	Carried forward to March meeting.	
01/12/2020	Workshop on school culture to be arranged.	C O'D		