



## Lochnorris Primary School Parent Council

2 March 2022 – 7pm on Teams

### **Present:**

C Donnelly, S Hill, L Wright, J Quinn, C Heggie and J Benn

### **In Attendance:**

C O'Driscoll (HT), L Smith (DHT), and J Taylor (DHT)

### **1. Welcome & Meeting Etiquette**

CD welcomed members and congratulated J Taylor on her appointment as DHT. Members were reminded to use the "raise hand" function within Teams.

### **2. Secretary**

CD will prepare minutes for this meeting. T Fleming has offered to assist in future.

### **3. Apologies**

Apologies were received from R Cowan, T Fleming, G Clapperton, J D'Agostino, G O'Kane, L Thomas, A Hill and A Hastings.

### **4. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes were approved by general consensus.

### **5. Matters Arising/Action Plan**

**Traffic/Parking** – Continues to be an issue. Accident outside the properties on Underwood Road. C Donnelly provided an update on the proposals for the CoRE facility next to the school which could increase traffic and parking problems both during the build phase and once operational.

J Benn noted that the walkway from the park and stride carpark is sloped, very narrow and contains trip hazards. C O'Driscoll to investigate.

**Breakfast Club** – awaiting standard circular from EAC

### **6. Correspondence**

#### **Campus Parent Council – 16 February 2022**

C Donnelly reported on the meeting. P Gilchrist is very keen to get all forms of cross campus working underway. Specific initiatives will include a breakfast club, after school clubs, leadership opportunities and S5 and 6 pupils helping in classes across the campus.

It was noted that Robert Burns Academy is close to capacity.

#### **Parent Council Steering Group – 25 January 2022**

C Donnelly provided an update from the meeting.

- The national Wellbeing Survey is currently on hold
- Very high levels of Covid experienced in schools in January

- Decision pending on residential trips – subsequently approved with certain restrictions
- High levels of staff absence – not all Covid
- SQA update
- There were a number of Head Teacher vacancies
- Budget review and education service redesign ongoing
- Focus on consistency of high quality teaching and learning across East Ayrshire

## 7. Head Teacher Update

C O'Driscoll provided the update.

### Staffing:

- J Taylor now permanent DHT and M Gilroy permanent Principal Teacher
- There should be one further PT post to recruit, awaiting formal HR approval of post
- Currently 3 class teacher vacancies – 1 permanent and 2 temporary. There is little interest in temporary posts at present due to general shortage of availability.
- In person assemblies are now taking place, one for P1-4 and another for P5-7. This also assists with non class contact time for teaching staff.
- House assemblies are planned and will be easier once the full 5 SLT are in place. School/house captains will be involved. The Head of House should be the main pastoral contact for children.
- Children are now able to mix across classes within their own stage when outside. There are still some restrictions on indoor mixing.
- EAC are now permitting residential trips with a number of restrictions. As other authorities did not have these restrictions and had booked earlier, there was very little choice remaining. Due to cost and short time to pay, the trip will be for 2 nights with half a day of activities on the Monday and Wednesday and a full day on the Tuesday. There has been a lot of interest in the trip. The school will pay for the cost of the bus from funds brought forward from Greenmill and Barshare.
- Afterschool clubs are currently operating in multi-sports. Mr Milton will also be running a football club.
- All classes participated in the Burns/Scots poetry competition. Winners have been filmed and will be shown at assembly and then on the School Blog.
- Plans are in place for World Book Day. Pupils will have the option of dressing up or coming to school in PJs. There will be a masked reader quiz, a family quiz on the Blog, online author events and tokens will be distributed.
- Staff collegiate activities continue with a writing moderation exercise taking place across stages with 5 other schools.
- The school vision and values will be covered in house assemblies
- Remaining PEF money will be spent on resources.
- Miss Mair is leading on Inclusive Practice accreditation (formerly Dyslexia Friendly)

- Miss Allison (probationer) is leading on Communication Friendly Schools as part of a campus wide initiative.
- Parents meetings are taking place this week by telephone.
- Miss Taylor is leading the P7 DanceFest entry. Pupils will perform on stage at the Palace Theatre, however there will be no audience.
- There is a general feeling of things starting to be a little more normal, but parents are still not permitted in school.

## **8. Supported Learning Centre Update**

As A Hastings was unable to attend, Jo Quinn provided an update on the SLC

- ILP targets have been updated and parents will be contacted
- Complaints forms are available for concerns regarding transport issues
- There will be an accreditation visit next week for communication friendly schools
- As restrictions are reduced there will be more integration with mainstream, both in the playground and in classes.
- There is now an SLC specific parent council (currently primary level only). A Hastings and J Quinn will continue to attend this meeting and would like mainstream parents to attend their meeting. Dates to be provided.

## **9. AOCB**

None.

## **10. Date of next meeting**

- Tuesday 26 April 2022 at 7pm. Planned to be on Teams at present, awaiting update on restrictions.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm



**Lochnorris Parent Council – Rolling Action Plan**

Meeting	Item	Action	Update
27/10/20	Breakfast Club	C O'D  Chair	<p>25/5/21 – anticipated to begin in August 2021</p> <p>31/8/21 – unable to take place for 6 weeks during mitigations</p> <p>10/11/21 – to feedback survey results to YIPWORLD To contact EAC and other schools re options for taking forward. Raise at Campus Parent Council</p> <p>12/1/22 and 2/3/22 – Awaiting publication of EAC Standard Circular and changes to restrictions.</p>