



Lochnorris Primary School Parent Council

26 April 2022 – 7pm on Teams

Present:

C Donnelly, S Hill, L Wright, G O’Kane, L Thomas, A Hill, C Heggie M Calder and T Fleming.

In Attendance:

C O’Driscoll (HT), L Smith (DHT), J Taylor (DHT) and A Hastings (Head of SLC)

1. Welcome & Meeting Etiquette

CD welcomed members to the meeting. Members were reminded to use the “raise hand” function within Teams. Members congratulated Tina on her new baby.

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 and J Quinn.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were approved by general consensus.

5. Matters Arising/Action Plan

Breakfast Club – CO’D advised that the draft standard circular was out for consultation. To pick up at next meeting.

6. Correspondence

Parent Council Steering Group

March meeting was rearranged several times and then cancelled.

Emails from Parents

One parent contacted the Parent Council to advise of unsafe behaviour by drivers at the Park and Stride car park. Drivers ignore the zebra crossings and use the drop off point to park in. CD requested that the school put out a reminder message to parents on the app.

7. Head Teacher Update

C O’Driscoll provided the update.

Staffing:

- The staffing position is good at present, the most positive it has been for some time
- The new PT, Gregor Todd is joining from North Ayrshire – awaiting confirmation of start date re notice period.

- There is one class teacher vacancy at present, but this cannot be filled until EAC review staffing levels at all schools
- For 2022/23 it is likely that classes will reduce from 19 to 18. At present there are 2 P7 classes and a composite P6/7 which will mean that adjustments to classes will be required throughout the school. CO'D assured members that classes would be of the best configuration possible, taking account of teacher opinion, attainment levels, gender balance and friendship groups
- The allocation of probation teachers and any Covid recovery teachers has not yet been carried out by the authority.

Pupil Equity Fund

- PEF funding has now been confirmed as being available for the next 4 years, at a similar level to previously.
- CO'D believes people make the biggest difference so an allocation of PEF will pay for Classroom Assistants and to provide flexibility with staff teachers.
- Other ideas are welcome and members should consider in advance of the next meeting.

Other

- Upper school, lower school and house assemblies are continuing
- ECC to P1 transition is taking place in a more "normal" manner
- Collegiate activity includes curriculum planners, writing moderation and taking attainment levels and identifying supports
- Teacher Judgement Survey predictions look good with improvements at all levels in all areas since last year – once finalised to be shared.
- Staff are being training on ASN procedures and writing support plans for these to be live documents.
- 53 pupils are attending the P7 residential. Members asked that planning for next year starts now to allow for a choice of venues and to allow parents to budget.
- Active Schools information on extra curricular activities is due soon, although there are restrictions on space availability due to timing of RBA school day.
- The school will not offer the more traditional school trips, but it is hoped that all classes will do something locally. Next year, trips will be spread across the year and be linked to curriculum eg Vikingar if doing a Viking topic. A lot of discussion took place around this topic with lots of differing views. Parent Council to reconsider fundraising remit at next AGM.
- It is not yet clear what kind of school events are permitted but ideas include a jubilee event, a school show in the Barony Hall and potentially some kind of class specific events.
- A lot of discussion took place around sports day and what format that should follow. It was noted that some children excel at sporting activities rather than academic subjects and everyone should have the opportunity to celebrate their successes.
- With fewer Covid restrictions, more physical integration of SLC children is possible.

8. Supported Learning Centre Update

A Hastings provided an update on the SLC

- There was an increase in staff absence before Easter – change can be upsetting for pupils. The position is better now.
- Staffing levels are fairly settled and little change is expected for 2022/23. Probationers are not permitted in SLC.
- Transition to P1 is underway, and new pupils are expected at various stages.
- P7 to RBA SLC has started with activities every week.
- PEF has been used for both staffing and to provide experiences throughout the year.
- Covid “bubbles” are no longer required and is resulting in better inclusion. Inclusion in main-stream lessons is different for every child.
- Tracking and monitoring is being revised.
- The parents group and SLC Parent Council are going well.
- Outings are being organised to help with socialisation and are devised to suit specific needs of the children eg equine therapy.
- M Calder agreed that the parent council was going well and was allowing parents to support each other with access to other agencies eg social work and health professionals.

9. AOCB

Safety/Security

S Hill raised concern over safety and security around the campus at the start and end of the day. In the past a member of the SLT supervised children between the drop off point at the bridge and the playground, but this is no longer the case. CO'D to review the position and liaise with P Gilchrist on RBA pupils congregating in the area.

Campus staff integration

Pupils had informed parents that PE would not be provided by RBA staff next year. CO'D confirmed that this was the case. She noted that the loss of DHT time to cover S1 and S2 English far outweighed the benefit of PE cover provided and impacted class cover for absence. Discussion took place of how best for primary pupils to access the full facilities of the campus and how best to share staff resource across the campus. RBA pupils are not in school on Friday afternoons which should allow better access to specialist facilities eg Home Economics and Science labs.

LS noted that there are better ways to share resource than just doing a straight swap of time eg P7 and S1 classes working together. To be planned.

10. Date of next meeting

- Wednesday 8 June 2022. Planned to be on Teams at present, awaiting update on restrictions. To take place in person if possible.

Lochnorris Parent Council – Rolling Action Plan

Meeting	Item	Action	Update
27/10/20	Breakfast Club	C O'D Chair	25/5/21 – anticipated to begin in August 2021 31/8/21 – unable to take place for 6 weeks during mitigations 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 12/1/22 and 2/3/22 – Awaiting publication of EAC Standard Circular and changes to restrictions.
26/4/22	Traffic – message on app re park and stride car park.	CO'D	Done.
26/4/22	PEF Funding – to consider possible ideas for utilising budget.	All	Agenda for 8/6/22
26/4/22	Teacher Judgement Survey results to be shared when available	CO'D	
26/4/22	Planning for 22/23 P7 residential to start as soon as possible	SLT	
26/4/22	Consideration of fundraising remit	CD	To be included as agenda item for AGM.
26/4/22	Safety/security – supervision across campus	CO'D	
26/4/22	Cross campus sharing of staff	CO'D	