



## Lochnorris Primary School Parent Council

7 September 2022 – 7pm in School

### **Present:**

C Donnelly, S Hill, R Cowan, J D'Agostino, C Heggie, T Fleming, K Ferguson, A Walls and J Kay

### **In Attendance:**

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

### **1. Welcome**

CD welcomed everyone to the meeting. As it was the first meeting of the session all present introduced themselves. CD provided an overview of the role of the Parent Council and it was agreed to move the AGM section to the end of the meeting.

C O'D advised that EAC were keen that local elected members were invited to observe at meetings. CD to action for next meeting.

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from L Wright, L Thomas, A Hill, L Punton and Y Glencross.

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

The minutes were approved by general consensus.

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

**Breakfast Club** – see item 7

**Teacher Judgement Survey and SNSA** – see item 7

**Finalised Improvement Plan**

**PEACE Childcare** – Members agreed to pick up again in the future.

### **6. Correspondence**

**Parent Council Steering Group**

CD provided an update of the meeting of the PCSG of 21 June.

### **7. Head Teacher Update**

C O'Driscoll provided the update.

**Teacher Judgement Scores**

CO'D explained the background on achievement of a level, noting that results allow assessment for utilising PEF funded and EAST staff as well as other additional supports required. Help is targeted to children as required.

CO'D provided a presentation showing historic data and 21/22 results at P1, P4 and P7. Comparison to national and East Ayrshire average were available for historic years.



Results show a drop in attainment in 2020/21, in common with national picture due to lockdown. NO results were recorded for 2019/20.

There is a consistent drop in results at P7. To try to address this, P7 classes are smaller for 2022/23.

Noted that where reading is a barrier to learning this impacts all areas of the curriculum. The aim is to raise attainment for all and engage every child at their personal level.

The use of different styles of teaching to accommodate different forms of learning is second nature to staff, especially those more newly qualified.

EAC are working with teachers to ensure consistency in assessing level of achievement. Note that measure is of ability and not behaviour or attitude etc.

Members stressed that it is important that Lochnorris understands where it sits against peers, and is proactive in learning from more successful comparative schools.

### **Numeracy**

J Taylor presented on where achievement had been, what was done in 2021/22 and what is planned for the future. Eg there are now numeracy walls across the school, and staff plan the assessment at the same time as planning the teaching. SAC/SEF training for staff. Parental engagement workshops are also planned. Staff have identified where there are gaps, with specific classes, groups or children and will work on this. Members noted that it is important to show targets in plain English for parents to understand. "Mathematical Understanding" is a key target of the school ie for children to understand the theory/logic behind the maths, rather than just memory/recall.

### **Literacy**

L Smith presented on same basis as above. Areas include: teaching genre of writing, active literacy, reading, phonics and spelling. There are 4 libraries across the school. Again, in person workshops are planned for parents.

### **Health & Wellbeing**

C O'Driscoll provided the update. The campus Vision and Values are promoted through assemblies and in class. Steven Kyle is developing a campus relationships policy which will include managing behaviour. There are lots of carry forward actions from 21/22 which were not possible to achieve due to Covid restrictions. During 21/22 attendance was sporadic for children and staff due to covid and covid isolation/contact rules. Instances of dysregulation and pupils having to be out of class have decreased since the start of the school.

Noted that Cash for Kids funding of supermarket vouchers available via Quest had been advertised to all parents to allow for self-referral. 32 responses to date

### **Harmony Project**

There have been 3 staff training sessions. A school garden is planned. P7 attending Dumfries House this week.

RBA Pupils are helping in Lochnorris there is more integration between Lochnorris and SLC, and P7 are going in to Hillside. Other links are being made to utilise the full campus including to Home Economics and Technical.



## **Staffing**

The 2 probationer teachers are in P1 and P7 and are supported by the Principal Teachers. The school is fully staffed with the exception of a 0.4 teacher, although a temp is in place at present. Three staff are off sick this week.

PEF funded teachers and classroom assistants are working with small groups of pupils to address targets.

The school now needs to drill in to teacher judgement scores outwith the P1, P4 and P7 required to report.

## **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast club started on Monday with 30 spaces available each day at present. Fewer pupils have attended than booked each day. Parents will be given a gentle reminder not to book places if they will not be used. Slots will become available every 2 weeks.

## **Upcoming events**

- Maths Week Scotland (September)
- Halloween Disco
- Calendar of dates for the year and staff email addresses to be made available
- P7 residential – tentatively booked
- Open afternoons – themed for throughout the year
- Parents meeting dates have been set for 3 times during the year – format to be confirmed. The school is always happy to facilitate a one-to-one appointment if required.
- Climate change conference
- Lunchtime and after school clubs starting with a variety of themes.
- Inter-school competitions starting eg Cross Country

Members requested that thought was given to the timing of future P7 trips and that if an event at the start of the school year was appropriate, current P6 parents should be provided with information.

## **3. AGM**

CD explained that existing members continue until October 2023. It was agreed to accept T Fleming as a full member, after being co-opted during 21/22.

New member requests from Kris Ferguson and Alison Walls (present) and Lisa Punton and Yvonne Glencross (apologies submitted). Confirmed as members.

All Office Bearers stood down and C O'Driscoll took over the Chair. Only one individual was nominated for each position, and were therefore confirmed as Officer Bearers.

<b>Post</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>Nominator</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
<b>Chair</b>	<b>Claire Donnelly</b>	<b>Russell Cowan</b>	<b>Catrina Heggie</b>
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	<b>Stuart Hill</b>	<b>Claire Donnelly</b>	<b>Russell Cowan</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Tina Flemming</b>	<b>Tina Flemming</b>	<b>Jillian D'Agostino</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Russell Cowan</b>	<b>Stewart Hill</b>	<b>Claire Donnelly</b>

Discussion took place around whether a fundraising group should/could be formed. To ask for future volunteers and consider possibility of a Christmas Fayre. J Kay would be keen to be involved.

Poverty proofing the school day to remain an area of focus for the Parent Council.

Members noted a preference for in person meetings where possible.

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

Tuesday 1 November at 6.30pm in the school.

**Lochnorris Parent Council – Rolling Action Plan**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Update</b>
<b>27/10/20</b>	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.  8/6/22 General plans for after the summer set out.  7/9/22 began on 5 September
<b>26/4/22</b>	Teacher Judgement Survey results to be shared when available	CO'D	Presentation given at meeting on 7/9/22
<b>26/4/22</b>	Planning for 22/23 P7 residential to start as soon as possible	SLT	8/6/22 same venue likely – details to be shared with parents as soon as possible.  7/9/22 – tentative booking made with pupils asked to express interest
<b>26/4/22</b>	Consideration of fundraising remit	CD	To be included as agenda item for AGM.  7/9/22 for ongoing discussion
<b>26/4/22</b>	Safety/security – supervision across campus	CO'D	8/6/22 – School to remind/update parents on safe walking routes, areas supervised by staff and where parents are permitted.
<b>26/4/22</b>	Cross campus sharing of staff	CO'D	
<b>8/6/22</b>	Consider survey for PEACE Childcare after summer	All	7/9/22 - On hold – to pick up in future