



## Lochnorris Primary School Parent Council

**8 March 2023 – 6.30pm in School**

**Present:** C Donnelly, S Hill, C Heggie, J D'Agostino, L Thomas, K Ferguson, L Wright, A Walls

**In Attendance:** L Smith, M Gilroy, H Moroke

### **1. Welcome**

CD welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2. Apologies**

R Cowan, L Punton, C Fleming, Councillor N Watts and C O'Driscoll

### **3. Presentation from Hayley Moroke on Communication Friendly Schools**

Hayley provided members with an overview of Communication Friendly Schools. The whole Barony Campus is involved in the process. The principals need to be embedded in practice and not just a tick box exercise. Lochnorris are early in the process and have had a change in champion with Miss K Mair now leading the process.

CD thanked Hayley for her input.

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

The minutes were approved by general consensus.

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

All contained elsewhere in the agenda.

### **6. Correspondence**

Correspondence had been received around further issues with the school app, but these have now been resolved.

### **7. PCSG Update**

The PCSG on 24 January focussed heavily on the planned budget cuts within education. Scottish Government intervention has meant that the planned reductions in staffing will no longer happen.

### **8. Learning Visit Update**

L Smith advised that only high-level feedback had been received to date. The detail is being pulled together and will then be shared with staff. To carry forward to next meeting agenda. Members noted that it was important for the school community to get recognition and credit for good practice and for areas for improvement to be recognised and worked on.

## 9. Head Teacher Update

L Smith provided the update:

- Scots competition completed with external judges. A whole school performance has taken place with an event for parents of the winners on Friday.
- P6 are working on a transition programme with Auchinleck Primary at Dumfries House
- P2 are involved in Green Gym – creating a school garden
- Ongoing work with BBC Scotland on now and then in the local area
- P2 and P5 class led assemblies happened/scheduled
- After school dance class
- “Funky Foods” healthy eating program
- Massage in schools events – well attended by parents
- Open afternoons also well attended
- P5 swimming – delayed due to Visions heating issues
- Enhanced transition for P6 and P7 requiring extra support underway
- Homework survey has been shared with staff but not discussed in detail – to carry forward
- Literacy and numeracy policies to go live
- School to share draft Play Policy with Members – an area with very positive feedback in the learning visit.
- Principal Teacher cover begins on Monday – Pauline Robertson joins from Auchinleck Primary
- To follow up on bullying policy – highlighted by P Gilchrist at RBA that a campus policy would be followed by school specific policies.

## 10. AOCB

L Smith confirmed that PE should not be seen as a “treat” after examples given on teachers withdrawing PE.

Discussion around school trips as there have been none during the year and members feel strongly that an end of year trip should be offered to classes as is other schools. Discussed logistics, cost etc and members requested that a survey was issued to parents asking about interest, cost preferences etc and that this was done soon to allow maximum time possible to pay. C Heggie reminded SLT that she is able to help advise on obtaining PVGs for parent helpers.

Discussion on information on and not on the school blog.

Budgets and school improvement plan to be picked up at future meeting – to obtain timing for Parent Council consultation to fit with meeting cycle.

Feedback from P1 parent members that Learning Journals are great for sharing information. P2 and P6 will be next.

## 11. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 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>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
<b>8/3/23</b>	Draft Play Policy to be circulated		
	Homework survey – direction to be discussed once shared with staff.		
	Blog updates		
	Timetable of consultations to be established.		