



Lochnorris Primary School Parent Council

21 June 2023 – 6.30pm in School

Present: C Donnelly, C Heggie, A Walls and Councillor Watts

In Attendance: C O'Driscoll, L Smith, M Gilroy,

1. Welcome

CD welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

K Ferguson, L Wright, L Thomas, S Hill, and J D'Agostino

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were approved by general consensus.

4. Matters Arising/Action Plan

All contained elsewhere in the agenda.

5. Correspondence

NPFS survey on behaviour in schools received.

Contact from parents concerned about class sizes – covered at point 9.

6. PCSG Update

CD provided an update on the meeting of 3 May. There had been an excellent presentation in explaining and quantifying the “attainment gap” and demonstrating the improvement that various interventions had made. ACEL data for Lochnorris to be provided at next meeting. Discussion of vaping issues in schools – not currently seen as an issue at Lochnorris but proximity to RBA a factor. Discussion of new school app – seems to be working well at Lochnorris compared to other schools. SLT noted that there are only 400 downloads to date, so not all parents/carers have signed up and may be missing out on information. To be addressed.

7. School Improvement Plan and PEF Budget

CO'D advised that there were only 3 responses to the focus group so she decided not to go ahead.

There were only 17 responses to the survey, but members noted that they had not been aware of the survey.

CO'D advised that PEF would be used for classroom assistants, boost groups to help children catch up, breakfast club, a curriculum refresh and retaining the management team size outwith classes.

CO'D noted that she could not advise on the improvement plan as she had not yet written it, but it would include the Harmony Project and targeting attendance.

8. Homework Survey

Still to be discussed with staff.

9. Head Teacher Update

CO'D to share slides

CO'D provided the update:

- Staffing has now been finalised. With 3 P7 classes leaving and 3 P1 classes joining, classes moving up as is. However, the new P6 is oversubscribed and there is no capacity for another classroom, so the new P6/7 will have 27 pupils and be open to new joiners. As this is above the 25 person limit for a composite class, 2 teachers will be in the class. CD noted that parents had made contact to raise concern about the arrangement. CO'D committed that the 2 teacher arrangement would be fixed and not the first point of compromise to cover absence. Members raised concern that the building had already reached capacity with no ability to create an additional classroom (to consider raising with EAC in future). For 23/24 probationer teachers will be in P1 and P4, supported by the 2 PTs
- Discussion around parental engagement and involvement, including garden and reading groups.
- Funding group has 7 parents and 5 staff. Planning a sponsored walk.

10. AOCB

In relation to the social media concern about the café, no approach has been made direct to the school. CO'D provided assurance that children are never left unsupervised in the reception area.

CD asked if there was potential to use local suppliers of school photos, particularly given EAC focus on Community Wealth Building.

Information on the P7 residential for 23/24 to be provided to parents as soon as possible to assist with household budgeting.

Record of thanks to parent council members who have children in P7 and will not return in the new term.

P1 transition event (next day) SLT to remind parents about the app and raise awareness of Parent Council membership.

11. Date of next meeting

Meeting and AGM on Wednesday 12 September at 6.30pm in school. CD to provide wording to go out on app before the summer as well as latest minutes for Blog. Existing members to encourage others to join using personal approach.

Lochnorris Parent Council – Rolling Action Plan

Meeting	Item	Action	Update
26/4/22	Consideration of fundraising remit	CD	To be included as agenda item for AGM. 7/9/22 for ongoing discussion
26/4/22	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.
26/4/22	Cross campus sharing of staff	CO'D	
8/6/22	Consider survey for PEACE Childcare after summer	All	7/9/22 - On hold – to pick up in future
8/3/23	Homework survey – direction to be discussed once shared with staff.		Remains outstanding
8/3/23	Blog updates for key documents		22/23 improvement plan now published.
8/3/23	Timetable of consultations to be established.		Remains outstanding
8/3/23	Request that parents are surveyed on view on school trips.		Remains outstanding
25/4/23	Play policy to be circulated		Now showing on glow
25/4/23	Numeracy and literacy policies to be published on the blog.		Now done
25/4/23 and 21/6/23	CO'D to share slides to aid minutes.		Remains outstanding
21/6/23	ACEL data to be provided at next meeting		On agenda for September 2023 meeting.
21/6/23	New P7 parents to be informed of details of residential as soon as possible.		Remains outstanding
21/6/23	CD to provide wording for app and minutes to be added to blog		Information provided to school 26 June.