



Lochnorris Primary School Parent Council

12 September 2023 – on Teams

Present: C Donnelly, A Walls, N Watts, S Dailly, L Punton, J D'Agostino and C Heggie

In Attendance: C O'Driscoll, L Smith and J Taylor

1. Welcome

CD welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

H Watts, L Green and Y Glencross

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were approved by general consensus.

4. Correspondence

- **Matters raised by parents:**

Many parents had raised with the PC that they are disappointed that Lochnorris children do not get summer trips like most other schools and that parents are not invited to the year end celebration of success in the same way as other schools.

CO'D advised that it was her policy that trips should only be of an educational nature, that buses were expensive, and staff were not obliged to take children on trips. Members noted that other schools are able to overcome these issues. CO'D noted that options around the celebration of success event were being considered, but that Barony Hall would not accommodate the full school plus parents in one sitting. Members asked that external venues be considered too eg local churches. Discussion took place around the context of the event and celebrating achievements of all kinds – sporting, extra curricular, values etc. J D'Agostino noted that the event in June had been very nice. General observation that the only full school community events are the Christmas nativity and concert.

LS is working on a parental engagement calendar to improve links between the school and families.

5. ACEL data for Lochnorris

Presented by CO'D

Reading

	22/23	Quintile 1	Quintile 5	GAP
P1	86	64	100	36
P4	74	78	80	2
P7	71	65	75	10

Writing

	22/23	Quintile 1	Quintile 5	GAP
P1	83	64	100	36
P4	71	67	80	13
P7	67	65	63	(3)

Listening and Talking

	22/23	Quintile 1	Quintile 5	GAP
P1	86	64	10	36
P4	99	94	100	6
P7	92	95	100	5

Numeracy

	22/23	Quintile 1	Quintile 5	GAP
P1	89	82	100	18
P4	75	72	80	8
P7	71	70	75	5

The most significant gaps between quintile 1 and quintile 5 are at P1. Unclear why. There are 16 pupils in Q1 in P1. Question from member around early intervention at early years – CO'D noted that a better transfer of information is required from ECCs. There was excellent feedback on the P1 play based pedagogy during the learning visit.

The overall aim is to close the gap and raise the bar. Each level is a challenge for all and it is rare to achieve higher than the level. JT noted that discussions are ongoing with RBA maths staff in order to challenge the high achievers in P7.

6. Finalised School Improvement Plan and PEF Budget

Numeracy – focus will be on “back to basics” including mental maths, applying skills in context and holistic assessment. (JT)

Literacy – auditing current practice in teaching reading, looking at uptake of bug club but have also purchased physical books, reviewing policy, new P1 writing program. Two staff on EAC working group for listening and talking scheme. (LS)

Employability/skills/DYW - Will repeat world of work week, using Harmony project for curriculum redevelopment and looking at learning through enquiry.

Health and Wellbeing - Using the Glasgow Motivation and Wellbeing Profile and training to provide supports such as Lets Introduce Anxiety Management (LIAM) and Nurture approaches.

Rights Respecting schools

Relationships framework

CO'D noted that **attendance** was poor – to quantify for next meeting. School to be more proactive on targeting poor attendance. Including improving parental engagement to value education.

To work on delivering **2 hours of PE** per week for every child.

PEF and targeting the poverty related attainment gap

Use:

- LIAM
- Parental involvement program (survey to be issued)
- Extra teacher for team teaching
- Extra management time
- 3 classroom assistants
- Breakfast Club (although not that well attended)

7. Head Teacher Update

- 493 on school roll
- 18 classes
- 13% of children on ASN log



- 25% of children in Quintile 1 of SIMD (16% on ASN log)
- 14 new non-P1 pupils in August
- 68 new P1s

Need to target AND children and Quintile 1 children

Lots of dysregulation amongst children on return to school after the summer, although now most children are settled.

David Campbell of NEST (neurodevelopmental team) held parental workshops before the summer as well as sessions with staff.

Open afternoons are planned for numeracy and literacy.

Members thanked staff for the schedule of important dates.

The P7 residential is in the diary – no information has been provided to parents as yet as looking at alternatives.

8. AGM

- Minutes of last AGM approved by general consensus
- All present confirmed that they wish to continue as members of the Parent Council
- Election of office bearers:

Position	Candidate	Nominator	Seconder
Chair	Neill Watts	Neill Watts	Jillian D'Agostino
Vice Chair	Lisa Punton	Claire Donnelly	Jillian D'Agostino
Secretary	Alison Walls	Alison Walls	Claire Donnelly

With only one candidate for each position, the above were elected.

It was agreed that there was no requirement for a treasurer as the PC has no funds and the fundraising committee operates separately.

Agreed that future meetings should be in school but with an option to join remotely.

N Watts took over as Chair of the meeting.

- Agreed that we need to increase membership of the parent council (NW to meet with CO'D)
- LP suggested informal sessions in the café
- Members interested to hear more about the Harmony project in the year ahead.
- Consideration of the cost of living crisis



9. AOCB

N Watts thanked C Donnelly for her work as Chair since formation of the school.

10. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 24 October at 6.30 in school and hybrid.

Lochnorris Parent Council – Rolling Action Plan

Meeting	Item	Action	Update
26/4/22	Consideration of fundraising remit	CD	Separate fundraising committee now exists
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 – further repeat of survey in September 2023.
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 and 21/6/23	CO'D to share slides to aid minutes.		Remains outstanding
21/6/23	New P7 parents to be informed of details of residential as soon as possible.		Now done
12/9/23	CO'D to share attendance statistics with members	CO'D	