



LOCHNORRIS PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 28th November - Online via Google Meet

Attendees:	Apologies:
L Smith, SLT	C O'Driscoll, SLT
J Taylor, SLT	M Gilroy, SLT
N Watts	L Thomas
C Donnelly	Y Glencross
S Daily	H Watts
A Walls	G D'Agostino
R Henderson	L Punton
C Walsh	L Green
C Heggie	S Kelly

Welcome

N Watts opened the meeting and thanked all those attending.

Minutes of the previous meeting agreed.

Chairs Report

N Watts explained that the school was unsuccessful in its bid for a real Christmas tree as part of the Dobbies – Not Your Average Community Campaign.

N Watts will be attending the Parent Council Steering Group on Tuesday 5th December and will inform the Parent Council of anything arising from the meeting in due course.

Head Teacher / School Report

Activities are well underway at Lochnorris Primary School. Parents in primary 1 have attended a Reading Workshop and a Class Led assembly. The Primary 5 classes have started attending their block of swimming lessons at Visions. The Halloween Party was well attended and raised money for the Fundraising Committee.

The first Parents' Evening session was held on the 8th of November and included a range of Parental Engagement Stalls. The agencies attending included Yipworld, Childsmile, Active Schools, Phunky Foods, The Exchange Counselling Service, East Ayrshire Period Poverty and the Financial Inclusion Team.

Following this Parents' Evening session the Senior Leadership Team at Lochnorris Primary School have collated Parental Attendance results for each stage and have compared this to attendance results from the Open Afternoon held in September. The whole school percentage for the Open Afternoon was 69% compared to 82% for Parents' Evening. They will continue to monitor attendance at Parental Engagements to decipher any trends and discuss areas for development.

Christmas preparations have begun and the school is looking forward to the Christmas Fayre this Friday (1st December). Pupils have been working hard to prepare their stalls and have had valuable opportunities to

develop their enterprising skills at each stage. Christmas parties have been scheduled for all pupils and it was highlighted that they should arrive at school dressed for their party that day. Three Christmas performances are planned for Wednesday 13th December – the Nativity in am, Nativity and Carol Concert in the afternoon and an evening Carol Concert. Pupils will have the opportunity to watch a pantomime in school on the last day (Friday 22nd December), Beauty and the Beast, before school closes at 2.30pm.

Parent Council Social Media Report

N Watts shared very positive feedback from the setup of the Parent Council Facebook Page. Parents were informed about this through different ways, such as Twitter and on the APP. The first impression is positive with posts reaching 1739 people in 4 weeks. This is encouraging moving forward and N Watts will continue to look at trends with this. Information was shared in relation to gender and age range. We will continue to look at which posts are popular and most viewed and try to raise the profile of the page.

Fundraising Committee

Efforts to raise money for the Fundraising Committee have so far been very successful. The school hosted a Sponsored Pyjama Parade and raised £8792.43. The Halloween Disco raised £694 with pupils paying £2 to attend if they could. The school also hosted a charity event for BBC Children in Need and donated £384.72 towards this.

The forthcoming Christmas Fayre was discussed. Each class will have their own stall and the community could have a stall with the cost of £10 per table. Tea/coffee and shortbread will be on sale at the event along with various raffles. The school was overwhelmed with the recent generosity of all at the Chocolate Day event and this will be used as part of the Raffle. R Henderson and C Walsh shared a number of donations they have both managed to gather from the community. The Parent Council thanked them both for their hard work in securing these donations. N Watts shared news of a £40 voucher from DaVinci's also.

N Watts included details of dignitaries attending and a Piper piping at the start of the Fayre. Volunteers will attend on behalf of the Parent Council and Fundraising Committee to support this event at stalls.

Parent Council Bank Account

Discussion regarding Online Parent Council Lottery, Easy Fundraising and other events will be rescheduled for the meeting in January with so much going on with the Christmas Fayre.

N Watts discussed the Bank Account situation and suggested that we would require 2 signatures from the Parent Council and 2 from the Fundraising Committee. Details will be discussed further at the next meeting. Everyone in agreement that this is the best way to move forward to ensure the best use of the money for the school.

Any Other Business

Discussion relating to the recent community incidents and increased level of police presence in the Cumnock/Auchinleck area. Two campus officers on site.

Dates of next meetings:

Tuesday January 23rd 2024 – Online

Tuesday March 5th 2024 – Barony Campus

Tuesday April 23rd 2024 – Barony Campus

Tuesday June 4th 2024 – Barony Campus