



## **LOCHNORRIS PARENT COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at the BARONY CAMPUS**

### **Attendees:**

**L Smith (SLT), J Taylor (SLT), T Stewart (Head of Barony Campus), N Watts, L Punton, C Walsh, R Henderson, A Walls, G D'Agostino, L Ramsay**

### **Apologies:**

**C O'Driscoll (SLT), M Gilroy (SLT), C Donnelly, H Watts**

### **Welcome**

N Watts opened the meeting and thanked those attending.

Special thanks to Tracy Stewart for joining the meeting to introduce herself.

Minutes of the previous meeting agreed.

### **Chairs Update**

N Watts emphasised the importance of trying to set up a Bank Account as soon as possible to avoid missing out on possible funding opportunities. It was agreed that a Treasurer would need to be in place along with Signatories from the Parent Council and the Fundraising Committee.

Parents are pleased that trips are being organised for pupils including a possible trip to Belfast. Discussion took place over the value of these opportunities for pupils at Lochnorris Primary School.

N Watts welcomed Tracy Stewart to the meeting to introduce herself as the new Head of Campus.

Matters raised and discussion around reporting to parents/carers and poor attendance within certain stages at open afternoons and parents evenings.

**Tracy Stewart - Head of Campus**

Tracy Stewart shared her past experiences in Education, working previously as a chemistry teacher and having 12 years' experience in a Head Teacher role. The importance of involving the Parent Council in a Skills Framework for Early Years all the way through to Secondary was emphasised and to have opportunities with the Ayrshire Growth Deal. Tracy Stewart discussed her desire to use 'The Circle Framework' (physical environment, social environment, structures and routines, and motivation) to help create an inclusive environment which will support all learners. Having met with over 70 parents within the Secondary, Tracy Stewart stressed the value of communication with parents and meeting learners needs. Getting to know all the pupils is a priority and to highlight positive news about the school in the community.

### **Head Teacher / School Report**

Children at Lochnorris Primary School have had opportunities to attend various after school clubs including a Book Club, Choir, Basketball and Dance Fest Rehearsals. Primary 1 pupils enjoyed a visit from the fire service as part of their interdisciplinary learning on 'People Who Help Us'. Primary 7 pupils visited the Glasgow Science Centre to explore Climate Change and to link to their work on the Harmony project. Primary 6 invited parents and carers to their class-led assembly to showcase their learning on the Chinese New Year. The P5-7 pupils also attended a brilliant performance called 'Hope' delivered by a theatre company with a focus on Anti-bullying.

Young Podcasters from Primary 6/7 have enjoyed working with John McBlain from Ayrshire College on the Write Record Produce release project. Listen to Rockpool Podcasts.

Staff offered the opportunity for parents and carers to attend Open Afternoons based on literacy with a focus on reading. Parents Evening took place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March providing the opportunity to speak to class teachers about progress and learning.

Lochnorris Primary hosted a Scots Afternoon with class winners participating and children singing. Parents and carers of class winners were invited to attend along with others wishing to hear their children singing. Local schools came together to celebrate their work with Scots language at the Barony Burns Festival.

NEST workshops have taken place with an average of 8-10 parents attending for coffee, cake and chats alongside SLT. This work is going well with parents involved in forming good friendships and having positive conversations.

Mr Todd has been working on attendance procedures. The school is investing time in making phone calls to communicate to parents rather than using letters.

Class Observations, Forward Plan Monitoring and Jotter Monitoring have occurred this term.

Lochnorris Primary School managed to raise £162.50 for Comic Relief.

Coming up - World Book Day, Road Safety Roadshow, Dance Fest with 20 pupils attending, After School Clubs continuing, Easter Service.

### **Social Media Report**

N Watts shared positive news regarding the Facebook page with an increased amount of engagement after just 4-5 months running. Statistics were shared, including 93.9% are female and 6.1% are male. 2796 people viewed the news feed on the Drop In post and 505 engagements on a post regarding holiday arrangements.

Discussion occurred around promoting positive news about the school on the Facebook page.

### **Fundraising Committee / PTA**

Plans would be decided next term with regards to a fundraising event. Discussion will happen at the next Fundraising Committee Meeting.

### **Date of Next Meetings**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 - Barony Campus

**(Changed to Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 - Barony Campus)**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 - Barony Campus