



LOCHNORRIS PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 13th May 2024

BARONY CAMPUS

Attendees:

C O'Driscoll (HT), L Smith (SLT), J Taylor (SLT), N Watts (Chair), C Donnelly, G D'Agostino, C Heggie, A Walls

Apologies:

M Gilroy (SLT), S Daily, L Ramsay, C Walsh, R Henderson, L Punton

Welcome

N Watts opened the meeting and apologised for reschedules.

N Watts explained that the minutes from the Parent Council Steering would be forwarded to the group.

Chairs Update

N Watts explained that the Bank Account is no further forward but explained that a PayPal account has been set up. No fundraising events have taken place since last meeting.

Head Teacher / School Report

Primary 7 pupils have attended transition programme at Robert Burns Academy with enhanced transition opportunities available to those who required it. Primary 3 have presented their work on The Vikings and Primary 4 and Primary 4/5 on The Romans for their class led assemblies. Tempest Photography took individual and family photographs. Primary 5R attended a Festival of Farming event at Valentin's Education Farm at Dumfries House. All Primary 6 pupils participated in Danger Detectives. Pupils enjoyed participating in Dance Fest at the Gaiety Theatre. Extra-Curricular activities running included Mrs Neil's Book Club, Boys and Girls Football and Chef's Club. Primary 6 have participated in Home Economics sessions. The school hosted an event for Red Nose Day where pupils were asked to wear red and collected £162.50.

A number of educational excursions are coming up: P2 and P2/3 to Turnberry Lighthouse and Culzean, P7 Residential Trip to Galloway Activity Centre, P5 Titanic Belfast, P1 to Ayr Farm Park, P3 to Vikingar at Largs and P4 to the Zoo. There will be an opportunity for Clothes Recycling. Parents'

Meetings, Sports Day, Potted Sports, Bump up Days and Celebration of Success will all take place in June.

School Improvement Plan Update from Head Teacher

Quality Assurance - SLT have visited classroom to observe classroom practice, literacy classwork sampling, teachers' planning and collegiate work.

Collegiate Activities - Staff have worked on Curriculum Development through Harmony Principles and whole school rationale. Focus on learning through enquiry. Staff attended training at Dumfries House and developed topics based around this at each level. This has refreshed the curriculum at Lochnorris. Teachers planning and feedback on monitoring. Working Time Agreement and Calendar of Commitments. Class Structure and Staffing.

Raising Attainment, particularly in Literacy and Numeracy

- To embed holistic assessment approaches in numeracy and mathematics
- To ensure coverage of key concepts and the consistent teaching and learning of the five key mental maths strategies and the 4 operations.
- To audit current practice in the teaching of reading and review current resources used, identifying any strengths and gaps.
- Review Literacy policy and ensure a consistent, structured approach to the teaching of reading.
- Listening & Talking – audit current practice/assessment approaches and develop effective approaches to teaching and assessing listening and talking.
- To adapt our environment and practice to become more inclusive and communication friendly and apply for accreditation.]

Increased in sustained positive destinations and employability skills

- DYW – We will build on existing partnerships with local businesses, parents and the wider community by providing opportunities for collaboration throughout the session and out with the classroom environment.
- To audit current situation with regards to coverage of the different curricular areas at each stage and establish consistent, progressive frameworks at each stage.
- To incorporate Harmony Principles as the backdrop to our curriculum with a particular emphasis on Social Subjects and Science (and across the curriculum where appropriate).
- To continue to plan learning using Harmony Principles and an enquiry approach. To work in stages and in levels to ensure coverage of experiences and outcomes across the session and agree our Curriculum Rationale.

Ensuring the health and wellbeing of all young people

- To further develop the use of the Glasgow Motivation and Wellbeing Profile to monitor the wellbeing of our learners.
- To upskill SLT in methods of supporting mental wellbeing – LIAM training, DDP training.
- To embed EAC Relationships Framework guidelines and Rights Respecting Schools Framework in every classroom and adopt a consistent approach to managing behaviour so that it does not become a barrier to learning.
- To improve attendance by addressing the root causes.
- To ensure a consistent and progressive approach to PE ensuring all learners receive 2 hours quality PE per week.

Closing the poverty related attainment gap

- To upskill SLT in methods of supporting mental wellbeing – LIAM training, DDP training.
- Significant SLT time will be used to develop robust procedures for monitoring attendance and working with families to address barriers.
- We will build on our current parental involvement programme in order to establish more meaningful opportunities for family learning and parental engagement in learning.
- Additional teacher employed to team-teach and provide specific interventions to address gaps in learning identified by data analysis.
- 3 x Classroom assistants employed to provide targeted and group support and interventions where required.
- Breakfast Club – fully funded for those in receipt of FSM and heavily subsidised where required.

DYW - needs to carry on. Will consider John Muir and Budgeting around Christmas Fayre.

M Gilroy attended LIAM Training and L Smith attended DDP Training. G Todd and J Taylor have been working on Attendance. 94 pupils have improved. 62 stayed the same. 10 new pupils below 90%, 14 pupils below 70%. Lochnorris PS working in partnership with Home Link Worker

Head Teacher explained need for more parental engagement opportunities in the next academic year with more workshops, possibly in relation to attendance. PEF money has helped subsidise a soft start for pupils through the Breakfast Club. Numbers have been increasing.

Head Teacher consulted the Parent Council about School Improvement Planning for 2024-2025, Pupil Equity Funding and the Celebration of Success.

Any Other Business

G D'Agostino suggested extra awards from the Parent Council to be distributed at the Celebration of Success, 1 for the Lower Primary and 1 for the Upper Primary. This was agreed by all in attendance.

Date of Next Meetings

Tuesday 25th June 2024 - Online Meeting

New Academic Year - Tuesday 3rd September