

Lainshaw Parent Council

11th November 2024

Attendees: John Semple (Chair), Caroline Laurie (Vice-Chair), Leanne Bruce (Secretary), Leigh Brown, Jane Milligan, Laura Murphy, Lynda Latta, Heather Rosa, Cllr. Ellen Freel, Jason Johnstone (HT)

Apologies: Ariane Brown, Howard Fenton, Fiona Landon, Anna Robertson, Shona Semple

1) PC Chair Update

Parent Council members of, John, Leanne and Caroline will remain for another year, these members were elected to their post for two years and will continue to stay in post for another year.

John gave a summary of the work in the past years the Parent Council have been actively involved in including,

Outdoor Classroom, area has been cleared, with some work done and more to follow.

Outdoor Ambassadors are working alongside Mr Johnstone to improve the outdoor spaces. Community Payback continues to improve areas particularly ECC outdoor spaces.

Mr Johnstone has given the parents a tour of the school identifying updates, completed improvements and highlighting future developments.

School Improvements Plan was shared in detail, including the developments to using BSL, French, new math frameworks.

Discussion around, homework, church attendance and crossing patrollers.

Future meetings will discuss;

Health and safety tour of the school with John and Head teacher in attendance.

Further collaboration with Stewarton Academy, discussing future improved P7 transition. Including teachers attending parent Council Meetings.

2) HT Update

Unfortunately, there have been visitors within the school grounds at night and at weekends, there has been no damage but near misses. Improved lightening and CCTV has supported to identify and hopefully address the situation with support from campus

police. This issue was highlighted in the newsletter too, Homework Policy and guidance was included in detail in HT's Newsletter, recognizing parental choice throughout.

Miss Vincent has added art to the entrance to the school, which is a fantastic upgrade and brightened up this area for staff, pupils and visitors.

Pupil leadership will be involved during Parent Consultations, presently the pupils are very proud of the achievements of the wider life of the school. Pupils are keen to share their learning with parents on these nights.

The Vision Statement of the school will be considered too, with a simple voting system in place to gain parental views.

Primary 7 pupils will host these evenings and are keen to showcase their knowledge to parents through parent consultations meetings. They will seek to receive suggestions from parents on school improvements and will highlight and support parents to complete the Parent Council Survey.

HT added that parents have contributed to the running of a school day with contributions made by

3) Parent Consultation Parent Council Survey 2024

Parents at the meeting were asked to consult and decide on questions within various topics for all parents to access during the two nights of Parent Consultations.

There was much discussion, but all questions were agreed on the night.

HT shared that Learning Journals are accessed by around 99% of parents.

It was highlighted that the QR codes will be shared in the ECC during drop off and pick for ECC parents to enable opinion is gathered across school and ECC.

4) AOB

-Smartphones.

John was able to share both local council and national guidance to the use of phones being used by pupils. Mr Johnstone was able to identify that he was satisfied that there was no real concerns that majority of children who do bring a mobile to school are

aware of the rules to keep in in their bag, with support of social media use shared in classrooms as part of curriculum guidance.

Next meeting – Monday 15th January 2025.