Kirkton of Largo Parent Council Online committee meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Present :

Stuart Macdonald, Gill Smith, Lauren Scott.

Apologies: Mrs Barker

	Actions
Matters arising	
<ul> <li>Previous minutes accepted</li> <li>Attempts are being/will be made to increase school interaction, as per PC's proposed solutions.</li> <li>School day end confirmed as 3pm going forward.</li> <li>Survey regarding PC future still to go out.</li> <li>PC future still uncertain.</li> <li>Fife Council's revised leadership proposals yet to be disclosed. PC will not take further action until they are.</li> <li>Plans for the year ahead updated in previous minutes, with a few recent additions (see HT report).</li> </ul>	<b>SMac</b> distribute survey.
Finance report	
Bank balance unchanged at £1036.95	GS contact school re hoodies
PC has not contributed to Leavers' hoodies.	

## Head teacher report

A majority of parents attended the learning partnerships discussion in school with my manager, the messages shared from that were:

- a few parents shared their views that the learning experiences their child receives at Kirkton of Largo is outstanding in comparison to the experiences they had in their previous schools
- most parents were happy with the level of communication they receive from the school, especially during Covid times.
- the majority of parents shared that they were increasingly concerned about the falling role at Kirkton of Largo and would like to ensure the role doesn't decrease further
- the majority of parents suggested that Kirkton of Largo could mix more with Lundin Mill as this would support opportunity to form new relationships with children from the same stage, which would support transition to Waid in the future
- a few parents voiced their disappointment that the school hadn't taken part in any awards recently, e.g. Lego
  or Digital schools award. However, the global pandemic of Covid 19 prevented lots of opportunity in schools
  around the world
- a few parents voiced concerns about children in the school with additional support needs and that they didn't think that Kirkton of Largo was best place for these children
- a few parents suggested more writing to be done in jotters as the use of ICT at Kirkton will not be replicated at Waid Academy.

(we use evaluative language from Education Scotland for the amounts, (e.g. a few parents is 0-15%, Most is 75-90% All is 100% etc)

Silver burn Park and our local community group have surveyed the children's views on what they would like in a play park for Silverburn and what they like and dislike about their local community. The children drew pictures of their ideal park.

Two trips have gone ahead, one to golf museum and the other to Tents Muir for a ranger day.

P7s are working with Lundin Mill P7s and attend every Friday. I have had to employ K Wyer for a Friday afternoon to accommodate this. The young people organised a sponsored walk to raise funds for an end of term trip. It seems to be RISE in Dundee that is coming out tops, we are trying to book their trip for 24<sup>th</sup> May, however this is still to be confirmed. Everything has been planned and organised by the P7s. Their walk was last Friday, and they did very well to complete their walk to Elie, Shellbay and back. Dates for the diaries.

1<sup>st</sup> June - Inspire Drama workshops and Jubilee picnic lunch prepared by the school kitchens. We will order in for P1-5 kids, however the children can still bring their own packed lunch if they wish. It's going to be Gowns and Crowns that day, the children will make a crown and be dressed in their best for school that day.

8<sup>th</sup> June - Ocean Day, All KoL children will meet up with classes from Lundin Mill for an afternoon with an Oceanographer down the beach. We have purchased kits and sea magnifiers as suggested by Priya Logan who has met with all the staff to discuss community plans.

8 & 9<sup>th</sup> June - Waid transition day for our P7s, (we know it's a shame the P7s will not be taking part in Ocean day, unfortunately we have no influence over these dates. They are planned well in advance.)

16<sup>th</sup> June - Sport's Day at the cricket pitch at 1pm

28<sup>th</sup> June - Leaver's Service and strawberry cream teas afterwards at the school, 1pm onwards

Next session there will only be one class, there is one P1 pupil that posted a late enrolment form. This place has yet to be confirmed as accepted by the family. There will be one class with 14 children if everyone stays at Kirkton of Largo. A minority of parents have contacted me about their wish to move their kids for social reasons. I have no spaces in Lundin Mill presently, however this could change after the summer. This is out of my control as parents make their own decisions regarding their own children. I have asked if I can refuse, and the answer is no. Parents have the right to make these decisions not school.

The children have been working on what they would like to learn about during transition activities with Lundin Mill and this will be a priority for the Improvement Plan going forward.

I have requested a probationer teacher otherwise I would not have the staff to accommodate transitions between the two schools. Schools only get the staff for the number of classes they have. This would be the only way to free up Mrs Brocklebank and plan for joint activities between the schools. Fingers crossed I get a probationer.

It is also getting much harder to transport the children between schools. All staff must have business insurance, which is a choice, and they must register with the council and DVLA to be able to transport school children in their own cars. I've still to find out if parents can transport children during the school day. I have a meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup> with Head of Service to see what the next plans are for the new leadership model. Everything was delayed due to the local elections. There has been a change in local government, so we need to wait and see what that means for the schools.

Sports Day and Leavers Service	
<ul> <li>PC to offer financial contribution for refreshments on Sports Day.</li> <li>PC to do teas after Leavers Service. Will need to ensure enough helpers on the day.</li> <li>Approach Blacketyside for strawberries.</li> <li>To do :         <ul> <li>Appeal for baking</li> <li>Check tea and coffee supplies</li> <li>Float</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>GS – strawberries from Blacketyside Ask Liz to appeal for baking and if school might prepare strawberries again. Tea/coffee/cream</li> <li>LS - float</li> </ul>
	DONM to be confirmed