

Kirkton of Largo Parent Council

Online committee meeting – 8 November 2022

Present :

Stuart Macdonald, Lauren Scott, Keren Scott-Bell, Charlotte Guild.

Apologies:

Mrs Barker

	Actions
Matters arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Previous minutes accepted• Update on findings from survey on future of Parent Council• Leavers hoodies for 21/22• Plans for the year ahead (see HT report, below)	Stuart contact school with conclusions and PC decisions as a result (see below)
Finance report (Lauren) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Need to get the bank account signatories changed to current PC members- One outgoing £105.93 (hoodies and sports day)- Opening balance £1,036.95; closing balance £931.02	Lauren to contact the bank
New structure for the KoL PC <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Survey of parents and carers had six responses- A majority of respondents (four) expressed a desire for the parent council to continue its role scrutinizing the school development plan, liaising with the school over policy/performance matters raised by parents; fundraising to support the work of the school- The survey asked for more parents to join the PC, otherwise it would not have the resources needed to fulfil its current role. Volunteers were also sought for the vacant positions of Chair and Secretary- No respondents were willing to stand as Chair or Secretary; no respondents were able to join the parent council to support its work- In light of the survey results it was agreed that the PC would in future just focus on fundraising activities- As there were no new PC members, Stuart agreed to remain as Chair- Charlotte also volunteered to be secretary- Office bearer roles will be reviewed at the AGM, as usual	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Stuart to do update note to parents and to the school

<p>Other items</p> <p>New cluster structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attempts are continuing to organize a meeting with the right people at Fife Council to contribute to the updated plans the council is developing for the cluster leadership structure - Keren happy to be the PC lead for this and keep in touch <p>Ardroy trip</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All kids really loved it – really keen to go back! <p>Panto Bus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Was £160 the KoL PC paid towards this last year; PC happy to contribute to a snack for the kids this year - Parents are concerned at the high cost of the panto bus (£1,400). Couple of parents are happy to look at how we can help with transport if needed <p>After school clubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kids all really enjoying doing these - Great learning environment <p>Gill leaving gift</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanks from everyone on the PC to Gill Smith who has now stepped down from the PC after more than a decade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keren to report back to the PC on any updates as needed - Lauren to contact the school to check if they want any contribution towards the bus or a refreshment for the kids - Lauren to sort thank you card and £20 voucher
<p>Christmas fundraiser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do same as last year, in conjunction with the school nativity on Monday 19 December - Buy a number (ask Gill how it worked) - We could get a scratch card approach? Charlotte to check this out - Definitely do a raffle; need to put a call out for donations (Lauren to lead on this). Ideas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o ULH o Kirsten at Headrush o The Aurrie o Mercury Motorsports o Post on the community facebook page o The Crusoe o The Old Manor - Teas and mince pies; baking club to make something for it (Keren to raise with Mrs Brocklebank) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stuart let the school know our plans - Charlotte to look at scratch cards ideas - Lauren to lead on getting raffle donations - Keren to ask Mrs Brocklebank if the kids want to do baking or organize any activities

- Kids want to organise any activities? May be unlikely as they are focused on the nativity, but worth checking

Kids' Christmas Party

- This is on 20 Dec – do we want to arrange any gifts

- **Keren** to ask school about this

Head teacher's report

Liz put the school improvement plan on the website, but I've attached a copy if you haven't seen it yet as it's not the easiest site to access.

So far, the transition and outdoor learning days to ensure the kids are having opportunity to mix with peers at Lundin Mill is working really well. The P7s join the P7 class at LM on a Friday and then the P6 instrumentalists do the same to join the P5/6 class. Every 2nd week the kids join different groups of peers from LM for outdoor learning. It is all positive and supports building their social relationships. Priya Logan from Largo Communities Together group supports Korina in planning for the kids with their outdoor learning at the beach, which builds a sense of community as well as developing their social and working relationships.

Both Korina and Annie have the driving permission from Fife Council, which supports our transition activities. It has been good for both schools and the feedback from the kids and staff is that these transition activities are very positive. (This may change when the weather turns for the worse, but we'll organise indoor activities if this becomes the case.)

Ardroy was also a great success and all the kids enjoyed mixing with their peers from LM.

Annie Leverton has now settled into her new role as our probationer teacher and the kids are having good learning experiences. Korina is taking on a lead role as she does not have full class commitment, and everything seems to be running smoothly. Korina also takes on the Additionality role as the Government provide all schools with an extra teacher for one day to support missed learning during Covid times. She works on a one-to-one level to support formal learning but also supports the kids to take their own master class lunch clubs which leads on from successful leadership experiences from last sessions assembly days, Wellbeing Wednesdays. The kids are loving this opportunity and it gives them all a chance to shine throughout the year.

Korina and Annie have started planning their Xmas performance already. Korina will lead this, and it'll be fabulous. The performance will be in school, as I'd rather ask Gavin into school than ask him to heat the church for rehearsals and performances. The performance will also be during the day to save staff coming back out at night. We're trying to do as much as possible to cut down on travelling costs. The Christmas Nativity is planned for the afternoon of Monday 19th Dec and the Christmas party is on Tuesday 20th Dec in the afternoon.

The panto is booked for 15th December, it is Snow White at the Byres Theatre in St Andrews. The quotes for the buses have come in at the ridiculous amount of £1400 for both schools. Any donations for this will support the cost we ask for from our kids at KoL. The last day of school is Wednesday 21st Dec and it will be a full day finishing at 3pm.

Liz has started her new job at Star of Markinch and Kimberley Colston will start in the school office on the 14th November as her replacement. Liz moved on for security and longevity along with financial reasons to reduce her costs in travelling to work. Liz stays in Glenrothes, so Star is much closer, and she was a great asset to the school and really did a fantastic job in clearing out an office that hadn't been cleared for a long time! Kimberley was previously our cleaner at Kirkton so knows all the kids, staff and the building well. This will be great start for her new career, and she is very excited and keen to start.

The school role now sits at 11, this is two down from August. Both have moved into their catchment schools. One was in temporary accommodation until they were re-housed.

Reports from Waid state that our previous P7s, now S1s have had a very successful start and are enjoying the next step in their school careers. The negatives from the S1s are that some of them don't know what to do with themselves at

break times as the high school kids don't play or have a tree swing to entertain them at break times! The other is that there were too many tests when they started in S1, especially for Maths and English!

- DONM: 8-9.30pm Tuesday 7 Feb 2023 (includes AGM); likely to be online again