Largoward Parent

Council Meeting

Minutes

**Date**: Tuesday 22nd March 2022

**Time**: 18:30

**Location**: Zoom Meeting

# Parent Council Meeting

# In Attendance

Adam Lawson (Chairman), Donna Bain (Headteacher), Vicky Lothian (Treasurer), Chris Law, Leanne Law, Stuart Stenhouse (Secretary)

Apologies – Jinty Smith-Spiers

**Chairman’s Report**

Nothing to report.

**Secretary’s Report**

Notes from last meeting have been shared. Question on newsletter distribution list – addressed in AOB

**Treasurer’s Report**

Nothing to report

Head Teachers Report

**Covid-19**

This term has been challenging due to staff and pupil absence. At the time of meeting, still waiting on updated Scottish Government guidance and Fife Council risk assessment following the most recent announcements and changes that came in on 21st March.

Any update for parents will sent via email.

Mrs Bain also noted for context the challenges of other schools with Lawhead having up to 10 staff and 25% of pupils off at one point.

**Attainment Update**

**Largoward Primary School Attainment – March 2022**

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|  | **May 2021** | **Projections for May 2022** |
| Listening and Talking | 88.9% | 89.5% |
| Reading | 83.3% | 73.7% |
| Writing | 66.7% | 63.2% |
| Number, Money and Measurement | 72.2% | 68.4% |
| Shape, Position and Movement | 72.2% | 68.4% |
| Information Handling | 72.2% | 68.4% |

It was noted that whilst there has been an anticipated drop, the data is tough to represent a full picture due to the size of the school. It doesn’t show that the % gap in how off-track the children are from targets, which is decreasing.

Final attainment data will be submitted to the Scottish Government in May. End of session reports will let parents know their child’s current attainment levels.

**Staffing/Classes For Next Session:**

We have two pupils in P7 leaving and currently two catchment applications for P1. Currently the two classes will remain in place for next session. Staffing for next session has not been confirmed. Likely to be May before this is all finalized. There has also been a further enquiry for 2 potential new children to the area that may join the school

**School Improvement Plan and Pupil Equity Funding**

Continuing to make good progress on all priorities as per the school improvement plan. Despite staff absence most development work is still on track. Outdoor education and writing development would benefit from being carried on into next session. We will also need to focus on 1+2 languages development next session as this is a Fife and national priority. (English + French)

The recent survey which was sent asked for voting between Spanish and British sign-language for the third language. The final decision on this will be made on review of response and resources.

**Developing Our School Grounds**

Mr Mitchell has plotted the school grounds with the children and received quotes for materials.

We have been advised to use sleepers to define our raised beds. They are 2.4m long and to replace the 4 raised beds we have then this would cost £432. To create a defined walk way the children would like to use bark chips. This costs £86.40 per tonne. The supplier has agreed to deliver for free. The children would also like to create a small fence to define the growing area. This has not been costed out yet. We would hope to action this during the first week or two of the new term and hope the parent council could support with some of the costs

Support was asked to help source a plastic greenhouse and any support for tree bark to fill the walkways. Advertising and outreach from the Parent Council was offered with some contacts noted. Gravel was suggested as an alternate to bark due to potential health risks it may pose for pupils with specific conditions.

Support was also requested to help with some of the physical work. Mr Mitchell to confirm the dates.

**Parent Council Budget**

As agreed at the last meeting this money has been used to purchase additional reading books for the children. Thank you very much for allowing us to use this money to improve our reading provision.

**School Travel Plan**

We have our draft travel plan completed. This just needs to be shared with the Junior Road Safety Officers’ to finalise and then we are ready to launch it.

**P7 Transition**

Mr Currie (Rector) and Mr Wishart (Depute) have been out to visit our P7’s. Staff from Madras are scheduled to come out next week to get to know the girls better. Enhanced transition visits start after Easter and the 3 day visit will take place early in June. More details to be communicated formally once agreed.

P1 visits will be arranged later in the term.

**Science Centre Trip**

Taking place on Friday 25th March. Hopefully the start of some normality returning for the children.

All travel has been subsidized by the science centre and a bus token granted from a previously cancelled trip.

Entry has been covered by the tick shop profits

A trip has also been planned for P4-7 on Friday 27th May to visit St Andrews harbor and take part in a storytelling session. No cost as arranged by St Andrews museum. Ms Lloyd is planning something for P1-3 for the summer term as well.

**Current P6 Residential**

Letters will be issued to parents for a planned trip in September (28-30). This is likely to be £200, with a £50 deposit. £50 will be paid for by the Parent council. It was noted that there are grants available to support and if there are any challenges in parents covering the cost then the Parent Council offered its support. Any needs will be managed in confidence and discreet so would encourage conversation with the school should parents have any concerns as we want to make sure both parents and children feel supported and enjoy these experiences.

The current P7 leavers trip will be to Loch Ore Meadows in June. The £25 cost per child will be paid for by the Parent Council.

Easter Egg Hunt

Due to availability, the Easter Egg hunt was moved to Easter Monday (18th). Will be around the village with clues for the whole school including the new P1’s. Will start at 2 and finish at the school when children can leave for the day. Vicky has kindly agreed to setup but will need support place Easter Eggs and parents welcome to support on monitoring.

Sports Day

A number of challenges with the dates due to competing events in school and outwith. Following subsequent comms its been arranged for the Monday 27 June with the Tuesday In reserve due to weather.

This will likely be on the playing fields, with parents welcome. The hope is to have like years previous to covid more of a fun-day with some family events/games/pic-nic. Further details and planning to come.

Leaver's Event

29 June planned for P7 leavers, hall is booked and there is a disco + sleepover at Lawhead after.

The parent council will arrange the hoodies to be made and a leavers book.

There are mugs available due to a previous bulk-order as part of a wider school gift.

AOB

**Newsletter**

Question on some people not always receiving Correspondance from school but others in household are. Through discussion it was realized that there is a setting in the GroupCall to send to primary contact (usually the first person who had details added against child) rather than all contacts. Mrs Bain to check and ask for emails to be sent each time to all.

# Next Meeting

Tuesday 31nd May @ 6.30. Likely via Zoom (will review in-live with Covid guidance) and all welcome.