Largoward Parent

Council Meeting

Minutes

**Date**: Tuesday 31 May 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), Jinty Smith-Spiers

Apologies – N/

**Chairman’s Report**

Nothing to report. Thanked all the parents, teachers, children, and other volunteers for their efforts on the school garden

**Secretary’s Report**

Notes from last meeting have been shared.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Report to be shared

Head Teachers Report

**Covid-19**

Schools will continue to operate at moderate risk level with some measures in place that are not in place more widely in the community. However, they are now returning to a much more normal, pre-pandemic way of working in the school.

**Progress With School Improvement Plan and Priorities for Next Session (Including Pupil Equity Funding)**

The school has continued to make steady progress on all priorities in this session’s improvement plan. The recent Inset day in May allowed staff to review, evaluate and identify our next steps.

1. Curriculum Rationale – is in draft form and will be ready to share before the end of the session

2. Writing – impact of staff professional learning is now being evidenced in the class. This will be carried forward into next session to be able to fully embed the work from this year.

3. Outdoor Education – links from this sessions staff professional learning now need to be made to the curricular provision across P1-7. The feeling is that extending this priority into next session will help to ensure sustainability.

4. PEF – the pupil equity funding has been successfully used this session to support literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing.

The Standards and Quality Report for Session 2021-22 will outline our progress this session in must greater detail. This will be published at the start of next session.

Local and national improvement priorities are heavily shaping our focus for improvement for next session. We anticipate that our school improvement plan for Session 2022-23 will focus on the following:

1. Writing – embedding the work from this session

2. Outdoor Education – embedding the work from this session

3. 1+2 Languages – enhancing L2 French provision and developing L3 provision which based on the outcome of recent surveys (parents and children) will be British Sign Language.

4. Digital Schools Award –aiming to achieve the digital schools award during the course of next session.

5. Pupil Equity Fund – continue to use funding to implement targeted work to support literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing.

The school will be issuing a short parental questionnaire shortly to gather information. Based on the improvement plan, priorities for next session the school would like to know if there is anything that can be done to support parental understanding of these area. For example, workshops or information sessions and what would be most relevant or informative for our parents?

There was a general interest in this from the group

**Events This Term**

The recent open afternoon was a big success and very well attended. It has been lovely to welcome parents back into school again.

Mrs. Bain reiterated a Thank you to all the parents who came a long and helped with the garden renovations earlier this term. There are big plans for the outdoor space, and it is all starting to come together nicely!

**Transition**

• Nursery to P1

• P7 to S1

Plans have been shared with parents/carers regarding transition arrangements for these key stages. The school are very excited that this can all take place in person this year.

**Classes/Staffing for Next Session**

Classes for next session will be sent out to parents on Friday 17th June along with annual reports. It is currently in a very uncertain position regarding classes for next session. There are two P7’s moving onto high school, two new P1’s joining us in August and some potential movement in/out at other stages. Plans are progressing for two classes next session, but they must also be prepared for the return to a single P1-7 class.

There are likely to be some staffing changes, but Mrs. Bain was not able to confirm at this stage. This is now sitting with the Fife Council staffing team.

**Between Now and the Summer**

With only 3 weeks left until the end of the school session there are lots of activities and events planned. Parents will be updated via the weekly newsletter.

**Sports Day**

A staff meeting was held prior to the meeting where this was discussed in more detail.

Plans are to have a session of games in the school garden from 11 until lunchtime – parents are invited to bring a picnic. There will be a further session on the football pitch with races from 1.30 – 2.30 then returning to the school grounds for some ice lollies.

There was no capacity to organise additional activities that the PTC usually runs during this time, however there is the offer to support if required on the day so ask to get in touch.

**Tuck shop**

This should be back up and running again normally following staff absence.

**Leaver's Event**

P7 leavers event will be held in the village hall at 2PM on the 29th – the children are planning this. More information will be communicated in the newsletter.

AOB

N/a

# Next Meeting

Tuesday 30 August @ 6.30. Planning to be in the school.

(Will review timing and mix of in-person and/or remote to support attendance)