Largoward Parent Council Meeting

# Parent Council Meeting

**Date**: Tuesday 12 March 2024

**Time**: 18:00

**Location**: School

# In Attendance

Chris (Chairman), Donna Bain (Headteacher), Rebecca (Treasurer), Stuart (Secretary), Adam

Apologies –, Leanne, Jen, Jodie

**Chairman’s Report**

Chris highlighted the appreciation for the most recent open afternoon, it was agreed more of these would be good. The next one is planned to be a morning session.

The group agreed it would be good to see what part of a normal school day was like.

Other topics raised here are covered in the notes below.

**Secretary’s Report**

Notes have been shared.

Actions have been added to the agenda and/or covered in upcoming notes.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Current balance is £3,756 pending expected expenditure.

Still waiting for response from Bank on change of signatories.

# Headteacher Report

Open Afternoon

Our most recent open afternoon took place on Tuesday 6th February 2-3pm. We had a Scottish theme to the afternoon and it was very well attended. We hope parents enjoyed this opportunity to come in and share learning with their children. Our next event will be a shared start on Friday 10th May 9-10am.

It was discussed in the session that we are happy with the volume/timing of these events, more would be good and to see normal aspects of the school day.

Anti-Bullying Policy

The draft policy was shared with a questionnaire for parental feedback. Unfortunately, we only received one response to this. The feedback from Lawhead and Largoward have been used to finalise the policy. The small changes/improvements made were shared at the meeting.

Initial discussions on our equalities and diversity policy were started at the meeting including how to make communications more diverse. This included different languages, accessibility options and different modes of communication. It also included signage or access issues in the school that could be challenging for some.

Natural Connections

Natural connections work commenced after the February break with Mrs. Marwood on Thursday mornings. The pupils have been really enjoying these sessions but we have had some issues with pupils not having a change of footwear, spare socks, etc. I have arranged for Mrs. Stewart to send an email reminder on Wednesday afternoons to help ensure pupils come suitably dressed (starting this week). We have also purchased boot scrapers, welly racks and rubber matting for the door (due to arrive shortly). The children are also enjoying their new mud kitchen.

The outdoor/garden group have created a wish list that I was shared at the meeting. ACTION to make sure this is reviewed and put in plans for a day we can do garden work.

P4 and P7 National Standardised Assessments

All P4 and P7 assessments are now complete. Staff have been looking at the results to identify next steps and areas for development for learners. A reminder parents can request these results.

P7 Transition

P7’s came to Lawhead for a talk from depute rector Mr. Wishart earlier in the term. There is a transition ceilidh scheduled for Tuesday 26th March and enhanced transition visits will be happening after the Easter break.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

These are scheduled for Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st March. Miss Morrow and Mrs Macmillan will be available on the Tuesday and Mrs Marwood on the Thursday. Mrs Bain will be present at both sessions if parents want to discuss anything.

# INSET Day 4 – February 14th

Teaching staff enjoyed a morning with cluster colleagues on the ‘Workshop For Literacy’ approach and support staff had a similar input in the afternoon. Support staff from Lawhead and Largoward spent the morning together sharing skills on Clicker and playground improvements. Teaching staff used the afternoon to upskill on web page design, BSL and carried out moderation of writing activities. All learning linked with areas of our school improvement plan.

# Other Updates

* P1 enrolments and placing requests deadline is 15th March. After this date we will then have confirmation on staffing for next session – update at next PC meeting.
  + At the moment we now have 14 pupils as 3 have left before the holidays
  + There are two P7’s leaving in the summer
  + There is a P2 leaving in the summer
  + There are currently no enrolments for P1, but 1 potential
  + The roll for next year is looking to be either 11 or 12
  + A reminder again there is no known plans or concern around the school whilst there are still pupils enrolled
  + We do anticipate at least a few additional children to join based on current knowledge
* Pupil council are keen to attend a parent council meeting but a Tuesday does not suit them as they have lots of clubs and activities on a Tuesday. They were wondering if the next meeting could be scheduled for a Wednesday? Next session has been arranged fro a Wednesday
* Attainment data has recently been updated/reviewed and Mrs Bain will provide a summary at our next meeting – this will also be included on our upcoming standards and quality report as well

# Important Dates This Term

* Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day – dress down day
* Tuesday 19th March – 3.30-5.30pm – Parents Nights
* Thursday 21st March – 5-7pm – Parents Nights
* Tuesday 26th March – AM – P7s go to Madras for ceilidh
* Wednesday 27th March – PM – Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Disco at Lawhead
* Thursday 28th March – Easter assembly 2.30pm and end of term 3

# Other Items

# School Garden

A shed as been ordered for £344.99 from B&Q – this will be delivered to Stuart during the holidays and we will plan to build it when there is availability and the weather.

Other garden activities will hopefully coincide with that – a list has been prepared and we will review these when we can arrange a date.

Mrs Bain is looking for other donations including wooden pallets for a bug hotel, breeze blocks, wood and other useful items for loose parts play or garden work. This will be posted on the various community channels. A lock for the shed is also requested.

# Easter activities

Confirmed aspects for the easter egg hunt including number of children on the day, house points to be awarded and logistics required. Kate has all the details, plans and activities planned for the children

The eggs and other elements have been purchased – total costs are around £25.

# P7 Leavers

Discussed getting ready for the P7 leavers this year. To arrange sizing and colour choices for the jerseys, using the same site as last year. To speak with Mrs Stewart to start looking out pictures for the leavers.

# Frank the bus driver

We were saddened to learn that Frank the bus driver had passed away after a short illness. We agreed to sent a card and include a donation at the funeral – Rebecca to attend.

# Next Meeting

The next meeting was agreed to be Wednesday 17 April at 6.00 pm.

The pupil council will attend this meeting

ACTION Stuart to follow-up and confirm date/agenda.

ACTION Mrs Bain to ensure pupil council can attend