

MINUTES

Lochwinnoch Primary School Parent Council Meeting

Date | time 01/09/2022 7.00 pm | *Meeting called to order by* Alison Ramsey

In Attendance

Mhairi Peden, Headteacher	Jennifer Smithsimmons, Parent
Lynne Gilchrist, Deputy Head	Ailidh Campbell, Parent
Alison Ramsey, Chair	Mhairi Morrison, Parent
Rebecca Garman, Treasurer	
Dee Butler, Secretary	
Louise Brown, Parent	

Apologies: Elizabeth Smiley

Official amendment: thanks to Alan Bisset for the DJ at the Halloween

Head Teacher's Report

Key highlights:

- Waterproofs now ordered and paid for. P7 given a leavers hoodie (all free of charge) – all paid for by grant
- Storage unit (coming this week) – grant paid for
- Slide – not actually £3k but more like £10k – so now seeking to source an alternative within the budget
- Also contacted by Tori Bell – had collectively put forward for a grant but not received to date (Station rise fund) – blue sky thinking is to have the outbuilding prepped in such a way that could become a community building accessible outwith school out of hours.
- Parking at top of the school – someone from the Council and Councilors to discuss and what is potentially being put in motion are yellow lines and zones not to access at drop off and pick up times. Safety is a real concern. Pupil Council involved and will be seeking to raise the profile too.
- Attendance – seeking to review the process but also raise the profile with regards to attendance and why it's important and how it impacts a child from not attending. Late coming is not improving and what is clear is that the first 15 minutes of the day is important for several reasons but also assists teachers to check in with the children and their general well-being.
- Pupil Council – this has commenced and is going well. Focused on community this year with questions around Lochwinnoch, do they like, what they don't...etc. Playground has come up within this exercise and using the nursery outdoor area as first example. May need to repair outdoor classroom and use some of the resources from the Christmas Fayre.
- Require a plan and some inspiration – there are options to seek more funding and make best use of the space that is there. (Tinker town in Glasgow – Alison's recommendation)
- Trim trail – condemned by the Council – quote for repairs of £6.5k. Posts need re-concreted etc. Local traders to perhaps assist (Alter – Rebecca's recommendation)??? Rather than either 1) pulling it all out or 2) the Council to repair – worth getting a local team in place and have it retested – question has gone to the Council.

- Music Broth has commenced

Treasurer's Report

£5,005 – from Station Rise fund

£1,345 for the waterproofs

Banked c. £1k from school fayre and RG requires school details to transfer funds accordingly.

Reminder to the bag up the cash – difference was the nursery taking their funds raised and staff costs

Current balance of £1,395 but clearly could be doing with raising more as there will be a demand as we head towards the end of the academic year.

£28 – from easy fundraising (A - reminders)

Enquiring with regards to the rag bag collection (A)

Parent Council Updates

- Successful Christmas jumper swap – 20 or so – thanks to Morrison's Johnstone for the sweeties.
- Music Broth – term that this is starting. Trying to get McKillop organized and agreed that we would do over 2 weeks (24th and 25th March – donation or ticket sale?) – still to work through the mechanics of the tickets and how many to offer and the charge (if any!)
- Raffle / Tea / Coffee – fundraiser at it? Local businesses / supermarkets.
- Music Broth need to be able to staff it but again, will need to work through the logistics of children but Jen feels comfortable that it will be worked through.
- Renfrewshire Council willing to pay for PVG – members to come forward if keen to take advantage of it.
- Spring disco – Thursday before Easter holidays – check with Alan Bisset but considering 27th April – applying principles of lessons learned. Volunteers for tattoos (circa £100) and speak to sweetie shop
- Fundraising ideas
- Easter hunt – donation to enter – but still raised around c.£200
- Consideration given to the Gala Day (beginning of June)
- Duck race – gather the ducks – opportunity to assist for a slice of the funds.
- Tea Dance residency – Mhairi proposing as a place to consider for fundraisers.
- Amazon wish list as an idea to boost fundraising
- Car boot sale – question over whether we should run one.

Raised issue of online homework - teachers time saving but then also having far better uptake with it being online. It just works better for the school.

Tips to provide jotters to assist

Books and accelerated reading programme is proving successful and children are showing signs of progressing.

Announcements and Actions

Elaine L – P7 Prom

Parents would like some light shed and whether any contribution and what that would be. Children are willing to fundraise. Also talk of Love Woodland, proposal to hold at the woodland – festival rather than a formal prom...Mhairi concern of external...there is a group that would like to have the prom there but thought it might be prom on grounds but after party at Love Woodland? Last time was 50:50 in terms of vote. Let's for McKillop reasonable and doable if that was the option c. £28 per hour. Probably worth engaging the pupils.

Parent Council will be willing to financially support (circa £150-£200)

Thank for P7 hoodies – absolutely delighted and had a huge variety of sizes but kids chose what they wanted (larger than required 😊)

Next Meeting

Next Meeting - March 2nd

Adjourned 8.30 pm