

MINUTES

Lochwinnoch Primary School Parent Council Meeting

Date | time 02/03/2022 6.30 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	Emma Duncan, Parent
Dee Butler, Secretary	Becks, Parent
Louise Brown, Parent	

Head Teacher's Report

Key highlights:

- **Nursery** – asking for volunteers for PVG. Woodlands Warriors excellent practice but has ground to a halt due to staffing. Pressures on staffing means that it won't change. Therefore, we are looking for volunteers. Therefore, if anyone is interested, to point in Angela or MP direction. Great for nursery but also P1's as a transition tool.
- **Transitions** – have had an open day for P1s. Government changes helping with those transitions. P7 transition – very positive and a lot going on.
- **Play** – consultation on the script to ensure that it is appropriate and staying clear of stereotypical themes. Currently looking into doing things differently, through drama and using creativity strengths that are demonstrated from the school.
- **Curriculum rational** - we have a values etc but the CR is why/what etc that makes Lochwinnoch unique. Internal consultation with pupils and staff to ascertain and answer to this. One shining through is the creativity. Fits with what is being done regarding the play and Music Broth. Will be added to the current artwork that has the values.
- **PM reading approach** – aim is to create a balanced reader. Various stages and the teacher changes approach throughout depending on the stage. A very structured approach. Have started to pull together into a reading policy to share with parents but also being embraced by teachers. PM reading books, not enough of them and so not coming home for the moment.
- **Accelerated reading** - question over 6 books – MP to consult the staff and feedback accordingly.
- **Playground** – pupil council – each class given a discussion sheet regarding Lochwinnoch, what they like and what they would want to improve. Improvements in the playground stood out and interestingly, same group who had an interest in the surrounding traffic to the school. Fence in at the Annexe. Pic collage available of the ideas. Will be creating a sandpit but also looking for 'stuff' to help enhance the outdoor experience. Have kept half of the playground for ball play but the other half will be for enhancements. Looking for an old Piano to place under shelter. Front of the school, children love and so keen to keep that going. Posting appeals on Seesaw but PC to keep an eye out for anything

unwanted that will contribute. Pallets have been cable tied to create an arty area at the Annexe. Sampling before introducing to the main playground. Keen to involve children in the stages.

- **Station Rise** – have ordered the slide. Looking a crash/landing mat for the bottom. Waterproofs paid for a while back but not yet arrived. Decathlon outstanding and therefore an opportunity to replace various equipment.
- **Trim trail** – looking at some repairs and to have reinspected as a less expensive means to move forward on it rather than scraping, which would be a waste.

Treasurer's Report

- Station rise:
£5,005 – from Station Rise fund but to pay the following:
Slide and installation
Waterproofs - £1,345
Storage unit
- PC - Current balance of £1,478
- £65.53 – from easy fundraising
- Enquiring with regards to the rag bag collection (A)

Parent Council Updates

- Music broth event – looking to undertake a raffle. Facebook and Seesaw perhaps put out a request to the local community to contribute as a prize. Music Broth logo being worked on but to develop a poster.
- Currently sourcing furniture to enable the storage of the 2nd hand uniform. When this is done, can set it up and publicise. Might be worthwhile contacting Ikea to see if anything on offer (Ailidh)
- Question regarding Music Broth event and whether costumes. Ask of parent to give advance notice to prepare.
- PVG – ask of PC
- Alan B has offered to provide music at Spring Disco (27th April)
- Gala Day 10th June – ask for the children to become more involved within the parade. Suggested by MP that P6s to help if looking for volunteers. Mhairi M to engage re a stall and gather ideas.
- Proposal for car boot sale in May - tbc
- Confirmed to pay for varnish for the boards in the playground

Next Meeting

Next Meeting – May 4th

Adjourned 19:45 pm