

MINUTES

Lochwinnoch Primary School Parent Council Meeting

Date | time 04/05/2023 7.00 pm | *Meeting called to order by* Alison Ramsey

In Attendance

Mhairi Peden, Headteacher	Elaine Livingstone, Parent
Lynne Gilchrist, Deputy Head	Ailidh Campbell, Parent
Alison Ramsey, Chair	Mhairi Morrison, Parent
Rebecca Garman, Treasurer	Emma Duncan, Parent
Dee Butler, Secretary	Diane Cullen, Parent
Louise Brown, Parent	Patrick Ramsey, Parent

Head Teacher's Report

Key highlights:

- **Station Rise fund** – slide has arrived and installed and has been risk assessed, just need to discuss with children have bought extra matting and net.
- **Chalk Boards** – confirmed that will be purchased from the school funds to get VAT back
- **Waterproofs** – still haven't arrived – supplied P7 hoodies and so appreciates an issue. If still an issue at end of term, then there is a chance will ask for refund.
- A lot of work being undertaken at the nursery/early years area
- **School values** – since change there has been a rethink. 10 at LPS and perhaps heavy. Has been discussed internally with pupils to attempt to streamline with a view to holding the original clear. CALDER – to streamline and help remember them. This has been run through pupil Council. Model working well and everybody has a voice and representative.
- **Pupil Council** – also driving forward initiatives in the playground.
- **MP & LG** – keen to get stuff done one weekend before the summer to get stuff done that's difficult to do in the day.
- Afterschool – some children out of hours play which is all good but items like the pallets, are starting move. But with the pupils taking charge may have a positive impact on this. Not sure but worth a try.
- Also talk of creating a music area in the playground. Going in fits and starts but intention is to coincide with the Team Playground.
- A parent has approached re **Royal Highland** show. MP believes great opportunity and flyer going out tomorrow to see what uptake; if there is a minimum of 50 people at cost of £15, happy to see what the appetite. But if not enough to cover bus, it may not go ahead. If going ahead, would be managed through Parent Pay. Email has gone to staff to ascertain if can be covered, whilst maintaining sufficient cover for pupils left behind. Would be the upper school only.
- **Bus trips** – it's been an expensive year for trips and would need to introduce a nominal charge next year but ensuring that those who were unable to afford, that equal opportunities is maintained. Being in LPS, it costs us a lot of money and don't receive enough PEF funding to assist with funding buses.

- **Extended transition** – this will be undertaken again this year The note that went out regarding inputs on classes, only affects the middle school due to numbers and the flexibility.
- School show – look out for the information.
- Sports Day too – MP to repost the calendar.
- **Staffing for next year** – same number of classes – big influx of P1s. Straight 6 and 7. Perm staff will stay, not losing anyone, but cover for Karen Murray and probationers unknown. As soon as we know, parents will be informed. P1 and P2 teachers is pretty set in stone and so will come to learn that sooner. Interviewing for perm supply.
- **Meeting room** – cleared to display uniform accordingly. Also going to start cooking classes but hoping to be a bit of a community hub. Just trying to clear out in advance. Happy to add a rail. Alison – to put out an appeal for people to hand in things

Treasurer's Report

- £5,005 of Station Rise fund
- £344 @ Music Broth Raffle
- £200 Spring Disco
- Easy Fundraising £80 in last couple of months

Therefore, PC holding funds of £1,841

Parent Council Updates

- Music Broth concerts – went exceptionally well, with both Jen and Grace appreciating the feedback. Raffles raised a good sum and thanks to those local businesses and parents who supported by contributing.
- Easter quiz – prizes were provided to all those who entered and those remaining will be given the extra prizes left over after an activity undertaken tomorrow at the school.
- Spring disco – went well – thanks to Alan who did a great job but wouldn't accept any money and so provided a bottle of wine. Request list worked well.
- Thanks to MP, AM and LG as it really helps to support and appreciate taking the time.
- Thanks to Ailidh in providing the storage.
- Car boot sale – 6 confirmed, sharing more sites on Facebook. Call to share as wide as we can. MP to share on Seesaw but also on the WhatsApp. 13th May. Will be a tuck shop/home baking – ask out on the WhatsApp. MP to message P6s.
- Team Playground – suggestions as to when might be best. Elaine L suggested a potential social effort with a 'Friday Tidy' accompanied by burger/drink. So perhaps around start of term. Good opportunity to welcome new people to the school. Any children to be accompanied by an adult. Lisa David – new local business, potting up section too. Perhaps a meetup to scope out the jobs to be undertaken. E.g. 4-6 pm followed by a barbecue, as an example. Paid for the license of the van.

Spending the money raised.

Consider AGM in person, with a social to entice new parents. MP – cheese and wine as an example.

6th June – intro PC to the new Parents.

Alison suggesting that MP consider what to use the funds for.

- Ice cream van at end of term £200-£300
- Snack for the big walk
- P7 leavers gift - £250

Gala Day – LB – to confirm that still be able to make something in class towards it.

Mhairi M – needs to confirm Parents that could help but then also ideas. Kid friendly stall – tombola / games (MP – P6s good). If people can give up an hour. MP/LG – found a hook the duck. Treasure Hunt. Really about engagement than seeking funds.

Elaine L – leavers dance funds (confirmed above) or to check whether anything required from the parents e.g. supervision however the staff traditionally tend to organize and attend and therefore not wholly required. Elaine L asking even if to provide something of support.

MASSIVE THANKS to Elaine Livingstone for her 15 years of support and commitment to Parent Council and the children of Lochwinnoch Primary.

Similarly, thanks to Susan Borland for all of her years of service too.

Next Meeting

Next meeting – AGM - Monday 4th September placeholder (w/c definitely)

Adjourned 20:15 pm