

MINUTES

Lochwinnoch Primary School Parent Council Meeting

Date | time 18/11/2024 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	Emma Duncan, Parent
Jennifer Dolan, Parent	Patrick Ramsey, Parent
Louise Brown, Parent	Alvaro Huertas, Parent

Apologies

Dee Butler

Ammendment

Rebecca Garman also stepping down as Treasurer

Head Teacher's Report

Thanks to Lynne Gilchrist for last meeting

Key highlights:

- Positive feedback from Single Step programme with Primary 5/4 and 5. Skills progression seen across whole school.
- £170 on Parent Pay for Halloween disco. Caution required when using Parent Pay for events as moving money between accounts may constitute money laundering. Ok to continue as long as funds are not moved.
- Pupil Council, play ground improvement ideas. Boards, friendship bench (St.Andrews) background designed by pupils. Could there be a rolling program of classes creating/redesigning in the playground? Could PC support?
- Are there any graffiti artists or artistic people within the community who could support. Pupil Council have contacted LEAP for any contacts.
- LPS Positive Relationships Policy '24, aim to provide consistency across the board, visiting staff, supply teachers. School Ethos, Build Resilience and Support. Is it a Big Deal/Little Deal - students want to use this to support each other.

- Alison and Rebecca, Christmas treat, week beginning 9th December, cinema? Odeon or Showcase 10:00 TBC?

£6.50 + £4.80 bus pc

£5.00 + £4.80 bus

Viewing choices, Home Alone, Arthur Christmas, The Grinch, The Snowman/SnowDog, Magic Reindeer, Polar Express, Gremlins

Other Options: Silent Disco? Disco Lighting, do Renfrewshire Council, have a set? Mhairi to email Amy Couttie

- Nothing spent from funds, keen to use, Google form to choose preference for cinema or to stay in school.

Contribute towards bus per family, parent helpers - free?

- Pantomime idea, agreed not viable.
- Nativity programmed for last week of term.
- No tinsel run this year, safety questions raised due to weather.
- Any Christmas jumper swap? Christmas jumper day?
- Friday - Own clothes day, donations for Christmas Fayre
- Christmas Fayre - hot dogs inside space agreed, Alison, Rebecca and Dee. Hot dogs in date from last year, buns required.

Treasurer's Report

£2478.81

£207 cash on night from Halloween disco plus £170 via Parent Pay

£50/£60 to MM for snacks

Voucher for Alan

Parent Council Updates

- Bank of Scotland - account changing to COmmunity Account £4.25 p/month from January
Allows 100 transactions per month. 75p for every hundred pounds.
- Connect Parent Council FB account
- Christmas Treat
- Update on school play, how do we support funding for one? P6
- Contact for Disney, training with teachers £1000 to buy the licence - Rebecca to send contact to Mhairi
- Ideas or Suggestions welcome, deadline to apply for grant has passed.
- Fund raising - hot dogs and flashy toys at Christmas Fayre
- £189 Asda Rewards App. £1 for every download, finishes end of November
- Duck race and bingo night pencilled in for new year
- Update on reading books on AR scheme. Children across all year groups may be on similar band levels, looks as though no choice available
Cataloguing of new books required.
Mhairi to do report to see where books are short, is there a glut of pupils on similar levels?
- PM writing PM2 writing scheme more accessible

Louise - how far can you go on AR? Up to level 15/16

What happens to encourage children to read when they get to the 6.0 levels? Widening their exposure once proficient. Is there a recommended book list? What are the incentives to keep children engaged?
Book Club? Recommended books at assembly?

Next Meeting

Next meeting – Tuesday 23rd January 2025 - TBC

Adjourned 8.04 pm