



Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 2nd March 2022

Held via Zoom call

1. Welcome, Apologies, Previous Minute and Opening Remarks

Present: Mrs Sandilands (SS), Councillor Loudon (KL), Emma Sharp (ES), Leanne Murdoch (LM), Gordon Brough (GB), Leesa McCue (LMc), Ashley Rafferty (AR), Neil McCallum (NMc), Aileen Patterson (AP) and Debora Green (DG)

Apologies: Apologies received from Councillor Brogan, Councillor Fulton, Mr Bamford, Deborah Christie, Karen Cumming, Andrea Brownhill, Elaine Fulton

ES welcomed everyone to the parent council meeting which had been planned as an in-person meeting, but due to unforeseen circumstances reverted to a zoom meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with no amendments suggested.

ES extended thanks on behalf of the parent council to the school for their continued dedication to providing our children with a stable educational and social environment.

2. Head Teacher's Report

- See appended report

3. Councillor's Report's

- Councillor Loudon provided updates on the budget. This included the decision to increase council tax for the 2022/23 financial year to help prevent further cuts in the next financial year.
- Community engagement teams have been involved with local communities and groups to attempt to establish local priorities and retain focus on community led activities.
- Continued financial supports are being given to volunteering groups to help continue to create volunteering opportunities within the community.
- South Lanarkshire Council have been focusing on early intervention strategies for children and young people, parents with substance misuse, providing supports to address mental health issues and fly tipping
- Charging for school transport will be abolished with new legislation coming into effect in the summer outlining accessibility requirements for transport
- Help for Ukraine – community support is high for those affected by the atrocities in the Ukraine. Donations have been collected at several locations throughout the area.

4. Parent/Guardian Questionnaire

- ES fed back that 28 surveys had been returned. The results have been emailed separately.
- ES and SS have discussed ways that the suggestions provided could be taken forward and consideration will be given to how to continue to try to involve and include parents.

4.1 Advertising the Parent Council

- The parent council discussed the use of video recording to advertise the parent council as well as continuing to raise awareness of the parent council via twitter and the school newsletter.

5 Future Meetings – Dates and agenda items

5.1 Change of date for May meeting

- The next parent council meeting coincides with the Easter holiday break and no parent council meeting will be held in April.
- Due to local elections taking place on May 5th and the subsequent effect on room lets the next parent council meeting will be held on the **11th May**

5.2 Operational items for discussion (e.g. School Improvement Plan & Behavioural policy)

- These items will be discussed at future parent council meetings during May (School Improvement Plan) and June (Behavioural Policy)
- It was also proposed that Victoria Groom, Project Worker with Barnardo's Lanarkshire Attachment and Nurture Service may attend a meeting and feedback on the project. ES will invite to June meeting.

6. Date of next meeting

- The next parent council meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th May 2022. It is hoped that this will be an in-person meeting, held within the school premises.