

# Lesmahagow High School Parent Council Meeting

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 7pm**

**Attendees:** Colin Bates (Vice Chair), Angela Norris (minutes), Lorna Laird, Richard McGowan, Alistair Gray, Elspeth Martin, Tia Gallacher, Dave Legg, Moira Fell, Vicki O'Rourke, Karen Hynd, Gillian Brown, Allan Crooks, Councillor Mark Horsham

**Apologies:** Wendy Russell (Chair), Hazel Leggate, Donna Kelly, Sarah Smith, Marie Cox, Philip Frame

CB welcomed everyone to the Parent Council meeting

## **1. Approval of minutes**

Approval by EM and seconded by CB.

## **2. Treasurer Update**

A grant has been identified for £500 through the Universal Music Foundation for the purchase of an electric piano.

## **3. Partnership Working Actions**

HT advised that various organisations had been in contact with the school and were keen to come in and share experiences i.e. Scottish Power, Royal Bank of Scotland. HT to draft a letter to involve parents and utilise any of their skills and invite them into school. Possibly invite Lisa Cameron MP into School to share her experiences.

Actions: HT to draft letter to parents.

## **4. Fundraising**

- Clothes Bank – no update.
- Bag Packing – 26 October date cancelled. VO'R to contact Tesco and try to arrange a new date in November. KH will acquire buckets from the rugby club. Committee thanked TG for her bucket designs and agreed on 3 signs with pictures.
- Functions
  - Young Musician of the Year – 14 November - Agreed to provide teas, coffee and home baking. DL kindly volunteered that the Co-op would provide an adult and child hamper.
  - Christmas Concert – 17 December – Possibly provide tombola, teas, coffee and home baking.
  - Quiz night – 22 November – provide raffles.
- It was raised that the easy fundraising link should be on the school website to encourage parents use of it.

Actions: MH to contact the Development Trust to undertake a review of potential funding options

## **5 Use of Social Media**

- No update was provided.

## **6 Head Teacher Update**

- HT advised that the school PE Department had achieved a silver award.
- SEBN moving and creating an ASN unit which will house 10 young people and will be operational next August. This would require new specialist staff. HT fully involved with embedding the unit into the school.

## **7 AOB**

- It was highlighted that the anti- bullying policy should be promoted. Senior pupils reluctant to wear school uniform and peer pressure on pupils who adhere to the school uniform. Hopefully this behaviour will reduce as the younger years progress through the school.
- Provide a breakdown on SQA results at a future meeting

## **Next PC meeting**

Wednesday 13 November 2019