LHS Parent Council Meeting

29th April 2025

Present: Scott Steele (SS – Headteacher), Ali Berardelli (AB - Chair), Jane Halewood (JH- Treasurer), Lisa Wharton (LW - Secretary), Shona Fleming, Sara Murray, Janette Irvine, Bruno Berardelli, Rachel Tonks, Julie French

Apologies: Yvonne Clark, Laura Kingswood, Alison Stephen, Dee Collins

Welcome: The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Previous Minutes:

Not able to be approved as LW still to do minute from 25th Feb.

Treasurer's Report – Jane Halewood

Existing balance = £2,837.17
+interest = £8.98
New balance = £2,846.15

JH awaiting handover from DC. JH needs to become a signatory on bank account.

Head Teacher's Report

Staffing –

- Retirements –Mark Colston, History, Susan Doherty and Carol-Anne McCreath, Maths, and Catriona Drain and Jacqui MacLeod, both SFL – mainstream and Glencoe House.
- Teacher of Maths recruited - Siobhan Lawrie. We have recruited Katie Booth, ASNT for Glencoe House.
- interviewing tomorrow for mainstream SFL post.
- Vacancies – Teacher of History, Teacher of Maths, Teacher of Gaelic, Teacher of Chemistry,

SQA Exams – They have just begun – so far, so good.
New Timetable starts – Monday 26 May, although for some it may be later because SQA exams are still running.

S6 Graduation – Takes place on Thursday 5 June. The event will be in school followed by a dinner, ceilidh, disco at Caol Community Centre.

P7 Transitions and Induction Week – Takes place from Monday 23 June with the P7 Parents' Evening taking place on Thursday 26 June.

Lochaber High School Highland Games - Scheduled for week beginning Monday 30 June 2025.

Weather permitting, we are going to run another LHS Highland Games on this date, may change date if weather looks bad. We are looking to open the invite up to Parent/carers this year and we will publicise this via LHS Heads-up, PE social media account and on the LHS Facebook page. We will publish an itinerary of the day via a QR code, and we will make this available to ALL.

At present there are some stalls which will be run. Business Management are running some enterprise stalls with refreshments, there will be diversity stalls and there will be stalls run by the senior pupils who are part of the NPA Sports Coaching and Leadership groups.

Trips
DofE Gold Award Expedition to Pyrenees: 7 – 14 June.
PGL Summer water sports trip runs from 14-21st June for S1-S3 pupils.

Fundraising Update

Fundraising letter sent to local businesses raised £130.

Constitution
This has been revised to be in line with the guidelines on Parent Council Network site and is now up to date. The file is stored in the shared PC google drive with other document files.

Invitees to PC meetings
Local councillors to be included in invitation to PC meetings.

Mobile Phones
There was a discussion around the issue of mobile phone usage in school. The topic of phones is under review by wider Highland Council. It was decided that further consultation with parents, pupils (through pupil voice) and research from other schools was required.

It will be discussed further at next PC meeting on 3rd June and next steps decided.

SS to invite a rep from Pupil Voice and a couple of teachers to come to Parent Council.

A.O.B

- Shona Fleming thanked the school for the 10-pin bowling outing.
- AB thanked Shona Fleming on behalf of the parent council for her chairing of the group.
- AB thanked Dee Collins (in absence) for her role as treasurer of the group.

Date of next meeting: Tues 3rd June 2025, 7pm