LHS Parent Council Meeting Minutes

20/01/2026

Attendees

- Chairperson: Ali Berardelli
- Vice-Chair: Laura Smith
- Secretary: Lisa Wharton
- Treasurer: Jane Halewood
- Members: Scott Steele (headteacher), Rachel Tonks, Belinda Wells

Apologies

- Lorraine Servant, Nick Cochrane

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Previous Minutes
3. Financial Update
4. Fundraising Initiatives
5. Any Other Business
6. Date of Next Meeting

Minutes

1. **Welcome and Introductions:**

   The Chairperson welcomed all members and noted apologies from those unable to attend.

   Approval of Previous Minutes:

   The minutes of the Oct meeting were proposed by Ali Berardelli and seconded by Rachel Tonks.

2. **Financial Update:** Balance = £2837.00

3. **Headteacher update:**

- **Staffing** –
- Congratulations to Liam Beagent who has been appointed as Deputy Head for Guidance and Support for Learning. Mr Steele thanked AB and LW for their participation in interviews.

- Science department is being restructured to have 2 x PT of Science, one for s1/s2 (and primary partners/STEM) and the other for s3-6. This is intended to improve attainment in senior phase. This may not change til after Easter break.
- Physics teacher has been appointed, adverts out for Design Tech. PT Social Sciences, & Gaelic. Music teacher retiring in August.
- S4 – S6 prelims are ongoing – there have been a few IT glitches at corporate level have affected timings for additional support in exams. Confident these will be ironed out before real exams.
- S6 trip to London planned for 6 – 9 February. S6 fundraising has made a lot more activities possible.
- Music school is using some space in main school building. The headteacher is RPO for the entire campus. Not sure what is happening with hostel.
- There is space to make 4 flats for teaching and other essential services staff to rent, but no decision on approach to hostel from HC.
- Parent evening booking system is £1184 (includes video facility). Parent Council will pay £500 towards the cost. The school will explore other systems that might be more cost-effective.

4. **Parental Engagement Strategy**

   PC would like to be part of strategy. How do we engage more of parents and carers? 55% turnout at parents evenings, depending on age group. What is plan from school to increase engagement and how can PC support? Various options being discussed within Senior Leadership Team about informing parents and carers about things like subject choices, study skills etc.

5. **Any Other Business**

- Funding request from LHS wind band for £198 to cover entry fee for Scottish Schools Wind Band Competition. Agreed.
- Cameras in school - some existing cameras have been replaced, 2 new ones in quad, and from PE dept out towards astroturf.
- The condition of the toilets is not good, no soap etc. SS reported that action was being taken to remedy this.

6. **Date of Next Meeting:**

   The next meeting is scheduled for Tues 24/02/2026 at 19:00.