

LHS Parent Council Meeting0

Tuesday 20th June 2023

Present: Shona Fleming (Chair), Ali Berardelli (Vice Chair), Dee Collins (Treasurer), Louise Pescod, Jane Halewood, Lisa Wharton, Rachel Tonks, Elspeth Berardelli, Becky McCook, John Man, Laura Kingswood-Smith, Scott Steele (HT)

Apologies: Anna Trafford, Alison Stephen, Nicola Mair, Yvonne Clark, (PT), Sarah Fanet (Councilor)

Welcome: The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Previous Minutes: Proposed – AB Seconded – DC

Treasurers Report:

Current balance £1949.56

Change of Signatories

Signatories have now been successfully updated. Dee Collins, Shona Fleming & Ali Berardelli are all signatories and Amy Fulford has been removed

Internet Banking – Dee Collins will explore over the school holidays

Head Teachers Report:

Staffing:

- Design & Technology – additional post created (1FT). If don't appoint can split up over different faculties
- PT Computer, Business & Digital Technology
- PT of Guidance (SEBN – Social Emotional Behavioral Needs) – historically run through PEF (Pupil Equity Fund). Trying to achieve stability so now absorbed into school fund
- Maths – Mrs Mackie retiring
- Depute Head – Mrs MacKenzie retiring and not being replaced
- PSA stable – will be up for review again next year. Not stable in Primary partners. PSA cuts phasing in over three years, this being year one
- Recruitment - Authority to recruit and follows 'Due Process'. Decision meeting approves vacancy, advertises, interviews & appoints. Notice period for staff usually four weeks but each authority has own terms. Can offer a fixed term contract to see if candidate a good fit

P7 Transitions:

- Visits to primary schools, events (basketball competition, music etc), transitions week and P7 Parents Evening. P7's enjoyed their transition period
- Literacy/Numeracy jotters are distributed to Primary Schools December/January to give an idea of what pupils are producing

Duke of Edinburgh:

- DoE now running again.
- Practice expedition was in Arran

School Improvement Plan (3 year cycle):

- 2.2 Curriculum, Linked to Q1/ Theme: Identify & Develop Additional Qualifications – staff build on these additional awards. Egs. National Progression awards (NPA), National Certificates (NC) – done where they best fit the curriculum. Adds to pupils tariff for further study
- 2.3 Learning, Teaching & Assessment, Linked to Q1/Theme: How good is our School – meeting standards, consistency of practice. Reviewed throughout the year with a bigger end of year review. Tweek accordingly as progress throughout the year
- 3.1 Improving Equality, Well-being and Inclusion, Rights respecting Schools, Linked to Q1/Theme: S6 Ambassadors – steering group, respecting rights group (UNCRC), Pupils Voice. With rights come responsibilities. Aim to get respect & mutual respect in everything we do.
- 3.3 Increasing Creativity and Employability, Linked to Q1/Theme: Young people developing self-awareness skills to prepare for interview. Good at learner conversations but not as good at documenting it. Curriculum level & with Tutor Support

Diversity Month:

- Week 1 UNCRC – relationships. Giving young people a sense of place.
- Week 2 Voting – bring pupils into the democratic process
- Week 3 LGBTQ+

Fundraising:

- Various ideas to be explored and what projects to spend the money on. Develop the area beside sports hall – wellbeing garden, basketball court etc

Health & Well Being Report:

Highland Games: Some pupils have pulled out but hope still to hold the games. Parent Council support the event

AOB:

- Trips – Variety of options being explored along with appropriate fundraising - Egypt, Rome, Berlin, Barcelona. World Challenge (orphanages, farm & construction work), John Muir Trust Ranger Programme. Pair up trip information along with funding information when publicising trips
- Last Day of School – communication breakdown re buses. School will close early but buses will be at normal times. Will publicise well so parents & pupils are aware of this
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Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 19th September 2023 7pm LHS

Meeting room @ LHS