

LVPS Parent Council Minutes

Thursday 10th May 2018

Attendees	Gillian Barnett Michelle Denning Libby Hill Joanne McTaggart Sophie Rae Alison Thompson	Nikki Cooper Gordon Gilchrist Antony McCallum-Mckay Jackie Mill Mairi Richie Claire Walia	
Apologies	Jennifer Falconer Shona Patterson	Wendy Murray	
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Welcome	Mairi Richie welcomed everyone to meeting and handed over to Mrs Mill for Head Teacher Report.		
Head Teacher Report	<p>Scottish National Standardised Assessments have been completed for P1, P4 and P7. These were the first of such tests and will take place annually. Parents will be advised in advance each year.</p> <p>Curriculum for Excellence reports have been sent to WLC. Pleased to report that trend is coming back up but some work still to do. Self-evaluation has started using HGIOS. Mrs Mill would like to involve parents with this process, as well as Pupil Council.</p> <p>Care Commission Inspection took place in Early Years Centre (ELC aka nursery) and they received a very positive review and 3 areas of review moved from Good to Very Good. ELC are using the Renfrew Vocabulary Test and working with children, which will aid the process when moving to P1 and Read, Write, Inc., which remains a successful programme. P2 have been using Read, Write, Inc. and have improved understanding by 9 months within just 5 months of learning.</p> <p>Communication has continued to improve with more information on the school blog and Twitter. All parents have been contacted to gain permission for Twitter use and Windows Into Learning are now on website.</p> <p>Staff have been decluttering within the school and some changes to use of space has been successful. Quiet Zone is now at upper GP room and there is now a Construction Zone and hopefully soon a library. Mrs Mill has requested help from all interested parents to help with the creation of the library (getting library materials, sorting books, etc.). A Library Working Group will be formed to move this forward.</p>		ALL/JM

	<p>Pupil Equity Funding was spent on concrete maths resources, staff and teacher training (learning will be cascaded down). Mr Stewart, PE Specialist, has decided to move on due to a great opportunity and lack of funding available to continue current roles. Staffing has not been finalised for the next academic year due to substantive posts but Mrs Mill shares the parents' desire to continue with high quality sports/PE at LVPS.</p> <p>P1 parents evening for nursery parents will children moving into P1 in August will be held on 31st May at 6pm.</p>	
Easter Fundraising Update	<p>Sophie Rae advised that fundraising around Easter was very successful in terms of enjoyment and money raised/resources spent. £306 was raised from the raffle (mostly donated prizes) and £37 from the Painted Eggs competition, which the children really enjoyed.</p>	
Treasurer Update	<p>Started the year with £4313 in January and have spent money on iPads for pupils, Easter raffle prizes, school garden and P7 Yearbooks. We received a very generous and kind donation from Livingston Village Community Group of £1000, which was spent on materials for the school garden including paint, bark and green house. Current balance is £1647.71. Gordon Gilchrist to send breakdown of outgoings to Mrs Mill to be included in Newsletter to parents.</p> <p>£13 per child was given to P7 Yearbooks – total £351.</p>	GC/JM
Back Garden Update	<p>Sophie Rae had organised for staff from Lloyds Banking Group to complete a tidy-up of the back garden. The day was extremely successful and wonderful sense of fun and team work. Some small jobs remaining including putting down some bark and painting of repaired pergola.</p> <p>#SaveTheOwl campaign has started as one of the structures in the back garden has been condemned and must be removed. The large wooden owl on top of this structure has been much loved by many, including the late Mr Glencorse so the school would like to save the owl and honour the work that Mr Glencorse did trying to preserve it. The Pupil Council have been brainstorming with Mr McCallum-Mckay and now there are great plans in place to fundraise to #SaveTheOwl. Local businesses are getting behind the campaign so if any parents can help to promote this then please get in touch with Mr McCallum-Mckay.</p> <p>The school will be organising a Fun Day on 9th June to help with fundraising. Parents will be needed to help plan/volunteer on the day.</p>	ALL ALL
Bullying	<p>Mrs Mill encourages all parents to raise any issues directly with the</p>	

Policy	<p>school. There is overall a positive environment within the school but she is also going to look at what improvements can be made during the next academic year. There will be a focus on Health & Wellbeing and potentially a PATPAL event and other opportunities for pupils and parents to learn about the importance of being inclusive and kind.</p>	
AOB	<p>School Charter - Mr McCallum-Mckay issued the updated School Charter following feedback from a variety of channels. This is an agreement between the school and parents. Unanimous show of hands to approve the charter. Any other comments welcomed by Mr McCallum-Mckay.</p> <p>The Parent Council now have a dedicated email address – LVPSParents@gmail.com</p> <p>Parents agreed that ban on electronics at Golden Time should remain in place as reasons for ban still very much relevant.</p> <p>Parents fed back that the after-school clubs have been very well received by pupils and parents. Great to have them available.</p> <p>Planning for events next academic year: Halloween Disco - Thursday 1st November Christmas Fair – Saturday 1st December 10am – 1pm (set up night before)</p>	
Next meeting dates	<p>Thursday 30th August 2018 Thursday 13th September 2018 – AGM Thursday 8th November 2018 Thursday 7th February 2019 Thursday 16th May 2019</p>	