

LVPS Parent Council Minutes

Thursday 7th February 2019

Attendees	<p>Nikki Cooper Michelle Denning Jennifer Falconer Linda Halliday Joanne McTaggart Wendy Murray Carol Smith</p>	<p>Lorna Clyne Tega Desi Gordon Gilchrist Emma Mackenzie Jackie Mill Sophie Rae-Rarity</p>	
Apologies	Jodi Conner		
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Welcome	Sophie Rae-Rarity welcomed everyone to meeting and handed over to Mrs Mill for Head Teacher Report.		
Head Teacher Report	<p>Staff absences continues to be an issue but there are no supply teachers available. Principal Teachers have been covering classes, which stalls other work in school.</p> <p>Jackie Mill (JM) discussed the Curriculum Rational that has been prepared over last year. Jackie Mill is looking for feedback from children, parents and staff. JM to send document to Michelle Denning (MD) to issue to Parent Council Distribution Lit for comments. Two documents – one for school and one for ELC.</p> <p>Overall the children have very good behavior and they are engaged. Jackie Mill raised ‘Golden Time’ as a discussion point. Golden Time was originally designed as a reward and motivation, however this isn’t working well, especially for the senior school. HMiE are encouraging schools to make the time more productive. JM sees the benefit of the social aspect for the children and therefore Golden Time will be kept but there will be some changes made. P1-P3 will keep the same system where children bring in a small toy (must be able to fit in an average sized school bag) but the name ‘Golden Time’ will change. P4-P7 will have a change to the system as it’s not working well for them and is not seen as a way of encouraging better behavior. One option is to scrap it altogether, another is to rebrand it and final option to change the format to encourage groups such as book club, art, knitting groups, etc. P7 children could assist with the running of it. Consideration would be put in to ensuring children have a fair chance of getting into the group they wanted. JM to email parents to advise of consultation process and parents will be invited to attend a meeting. This is a good opportunity to build a sense of community between classes.</p>		<p>JM/MD</p> <p>JM</p>

	JM showed the Parent Council some jewellery made by Maggie from the Community Council. JM to confirm if jewellery is to be sold.	JM
Treasurer Update	<p>Gordon Gilchrist confirmed the final totals of recent fundraising. Christmas Fair raised £991, which included the raffle money. Raffle ticket expenses were high due to an issue with the supply of the tickets (£409 costs for raffle).</p> <p>Parent Council paid the balance of the Pantomime (children paid £3 each but not all families were able to pay) which was £532.</p> <p>Just the remainder of the P7 Yearbook donation to be paid.</p> <p>Bank balance currently at £2678.</p>	
Chairperson's Report	<p>Parent Council organised a rag bag which raised £21.</p> <p>Potential movie night to be considered as a fundraising option. Other fundraising options would include a fun stall at Parent Consultations and Easter Hamper Raffle.</p> <p>New faces at Parent Council meetings were very welcome but more needed as it's the same people carrying out this important work.</p> <p>Parent Helper needed for Gardening Club.</p> <p>Discussion regarding communication and it was suggested that there was a Class Rep and Whatsapp group. Some concerns raised but to be discussed further.</p> <p>School football team have requested a donation so they can purchase new football strips. The cost is £350 for 14 strips. Parent Council voted and agreed to cost 50% of the cost (£175).</p> <p>Other donation options discussed. JM raised the need for more iPads as they are using them for the pupil profiles/Didbooks. JM to identify costs for iPads and advise SRR. MD to check Connect re. insurance for iPads.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>GG/SRR</p> <p>JM/SRR /MD</p>
AOB	<p>GC suggested school look at a transition show designed for ELC – P1 and P7 – S1 children as his family found it to be very helpful. SRR to send link to MD to forward to Distribution List.</p> <p>JM confirmed that new housing beside school is within catchment of LVPS. West Lothian Council have allowed 3 spaces within school for the housing. LVPS currently sitting just under max. numbers (sitting at 197 and space for 198). JM to contact Persimmons regarding stages of development of site beside school. Parent Council to meet with Persimmons.</p>	SRR/MD

	<p>Concerns regarding parking was raised – both the front layby and the side street parking. It is expected that this will get worse and local police not able to come out anymore. MD to contact West Lothian Council and local MPs/MSPs for advise as parking expected to get worse when houses built.</p> <p>GG suggested school apply for Food for Thought £2000 grant. JM to review grant application forms. GG to forward to JM. MD to ask Distribution List parents to help with making the grant application.</p>	<p>MD</p> <p>JM/GG /MD</p>
NOTE	<p>Parent Consultations 26th March 5.30 – 8.00pm 27th March 4.00 – 6.30pm Web based booking system for appointments – emails will be sent</p> <p>School Show dates 3rd and 4th April at 6.30pm Church 4th April at 2.00pm</p>	
Next meeting dates	Thursday 16 th May 2019 - please raise any agenda items to Parent Council via email LVPSparents@gmail.com	