

LVPS Parent Council Minutes

Thursday 13th May 2021

Attendees	Michelle Denning Nicola Hamilton Nastassja McGregor Vicki Stocks	Lesley Fraser Gordon Gilchrist Carol Smith	
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Welcome	Michelle Denning welcomed all to the meeting and handed over to Nicola Hamilton for Head Teacher Report		
Head Teacher Report	<p>Covid update – Change to Level 2 however no change to risk assessment. May be change following next Head Teacher meeting.</p> <p>NH to send Digital Strategy to Parent Council for review and agreement. This will be for next session (Aug 21), including Bring Your Own Device, which is for P6 & P7. LVPS is working towards being a digital school, in line with WLC policy, using the school’s secure network.</p> <p>Ethos Survey issued to all parents today via email.</p> <p>Improvement Plan – more information will be provided by NH to parents plus parent survey. Improvement Plan is drawn up using in-service day evaluations and pupil voices.</p> <p>Science grant was awarded £600 annually for three years and this has been spent on variety of resources including a scientist to do a show for pupils (last year), coding resources for senior school this year (Lego we can) and next year will be on junior school resources. Nursery also received grant which they spent on outdoor equipment such as bug collectors, rain fall measuring equipment, etc.</p> <p>Nursery also received a small grant for outdoor clothing.</p> <p>School garden – West Lothian Council completed a Health & Safety check and some equipment has been condemned and removed. The garden is used regularly for outdoor learning by all classes. Village green area used by senior school classes during lunchtime. NH advised that she would welcome if parents wanted to fundraise/plan for upgrades to garden. Specific suppliers must be used. ‘Loose parts play’ was discussed. Parent Council to check if this is something parents would be interested in.</p>		<p>NH</p> <p>NH</p> <p>MD</p>

	<p>The school has been trying for the Rights Respecting School Silver Award but the COVID situation has delayed this. School has been awarded Bronze Award for this year but the plan is to aim for Silver by next Easter.</p> <p>COVID Recovery – school working on additional reading and counselling for some children (carried out by Wellbeing Scotland).</p> <p>Mrs Fraser updated that LVPS has been chosen for a small trial of ‘Resilience For All’ programme which the P6 (August 21) class will take part in. Two members of staff will receive training and there will be staff and pupil workshops via Teams. Staff will then cascade this down to all staff. Only 10 schools in Scotland have been accepted to join this programme trial.</p> <p>School looking to re-address the school values – NH to provide more information in due course.</p> <p>School budget will be issued to Parent Council for discussion at next Parent Council meeting in August 21.</p> <p>School roll has increased and now three classes are completely full. There will be 8 classes for the 21/22 session (P1, P2/1, P2, P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7). Class teacher decisions not yet made but there will be a ‘Meet the Teacher’ event in late June.</p> <p>Photographer booked for P1 & P7 group photos.</p>	<p>NH</p> <p>NH</p>
Treasurer Update	<p>Gordon Gilchrist confirmed the closing balance is £2030.53</p> <p>Only recent activity was £40.49 raised through Easy Fundraising. MD to email school with Easy Fundraising details to be sent to parent (NH).</p>	MD/NH
Chairperson’s Report	<p>There has been no fundraising recently due to the COVID lockdown measures and all attending agreed that no further fundraising would take place in this session.</p> <p>Fundraising activities to start again August 21.</p> <p>Agreed 26th August would be next Parent Council meeting date and further dates for the 21/22 academic year would be set at that meeting. MD to ask parents via poll on FB group what dates would suit best (all Thursday’s or mix of Wed/Thu) and if virtual or in person.</p>	MD

AOB	<p>Fitness Fortnight will be very much reduced with only two organisations (Active Schools and football) coming in but children to still wear leisure wear for last two weeks. There will be a sports day for children but will look very different and will not be open for parents.</p> <p>School uniforms should be worn to school on days that children don't have PE. On PE days, PE kit/tracksuit bottoms should be worn.</p> <p>Children with mobile phones should ensure they remain off and in their bags during school hours. They are not to be used in school hours.</p> <p>Teachers for next session have not yet been confirmed but NH will confirm as soon as possible, expected in June.</p>	JM
Next meeting dates	Thursday 26 th August 2021 - please raise any agenda items to Parent Council via email LVPSParents@gmail.com	