

Lanark Primary School Parent Council Parent Council Meeting Minutes



Monday 2nd October 2023 7pm
Lanark Primary School

Item	Discussion	Actions
Attendees	<p>LPS: Farah Crook (FC), Marguerite Elkin (ME), Melissa Ross (MS),</p> <p>PC: Helen Logan (HL), Kimberley Philip (KP), Alison Campbell (AC), Gillian Thomson (GT), Kirstin Leitch (KL), Vicky Simpson (VS)</p> <p>Apologies: Lorraine Newbigging, Iain Hughes, Kerry Freel, Jane Gracie, Nikki Strachan</p>	
Welcome	<p>HL welcomed everyone to meeting.</p> <p>Minutes from the meeting on 4th September 2023 were approved, proposed by VS, seconded by HL.</p>	
Laura Cruickshank: Living Streets	<p>Unfortunately, Laura was unable to attend the meeting. She has offered to support us in encouraging active travel to school.</p> <p>We received a reply from SLC to our email about the lack of safety barriers where the lane meets Rhyber Ave and Stanmore Road. SLC have indicated they do not support the implementation of safety barriers at these locations for several reasons: lack of any reported incidents; need for access for wheelchairs, pushchairs and prams; barrier likely to be ineffective due to the whole perimeter of the park not being enclosed; maintenance vehicles need for access to street lighting.</p> <p>KP has forwarded the SLC response to Laura Cruickshank. She is going to discuss with her colleagues to consider if there is anyway forward to further discussions with SLC.</p> <p>FC was not aware of any specific incidents or accidents at these locations and felt SLC had valid arguments against the erection of barriers.</p>	

	<p>We will await the response from Laura and her team to see if there is any way to progress further.</p> <p>There was a discussion around the wider issue of unsafe parking surrounding the school. AC mentioned that the on SLCs Facebook page they had posted that Community policing officers were at primary school in Lesmahagow to encourage responsible parking.</p> <p>VS said that her school displaced signs made by the children to encourage safe parking. This was within the school car park and therefore may not be suitable for out with the school perimeter.</p>	
Head teacher's report	<p>Parental engagement</p> <p>Parent appointments are next week. Appointments need to be booked via Parentsportal. If any parents have not set up their account on Parentsportal they should do so now. If there are any problems setting up the account or linking their child, the parents should contact the school office who will be able to assist.</p> <p>At the moment we will still continue to use the School App for communication as Parentsportal is not available for ELC.</p> <p>A parents information event will be held shortly for P1 parents.</p> <p>School Improvement</p> <p>LPS are hard at work across all areas of the curriculum.</p> <p>All classes across the school now have a play session during the week. This is a planned session out with outdoor learning. Every class is doing this slightly differently. Research shows that the benefit of play sessions is shown when children engage in this for at least 45 mins. This is linked with developing the young workforce. To make time in the timetable for these sessions there is no longer "golden time".</p>	

	<p>Leadership Teams</p> <p>All pupils have now been assigned a leadership team. All teams meet at the same time and have a member of staff working with them. There are a wide range of leadership groups, and we look forward to seeing what they become involved in.</p> <p>Participatory Budgeting</p> <p>Parents and teachers get to decide how approximately 5% of the Pupil Equity Funding budget is spent. Mrs Gracie has been working on how the money should be best utilised. Some of the areas that are being considered are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsidising School Trips Subsidising/supporting school residential trips Residential stock box for clothing and equipment Forrest school stock box After school clubs Free fruit for snack PE equipment Access to sensory room Cooking club Stationary pack for home Breakfast club <p>FC has considered how to engage parents in the process of deciding how to spend the money and has decided to ask at the parent appointments. Children and staff will also be asked to vote.</p> <p>HL asked if PC members would be able to support having a PC stand at the parents night to highlight the work of the PC and promote upcoming events.</p> <p>FC asked if anyone would be able to help at the Halloween disco on the 26th Oct to let the Lanimer committee know.</p>	
Treasurer's report	<p>Income:</p> <p>Disco ticket sales: £745.39</p> <p>Donation: £250</p> <p>Costs:</p>	

	<p>DJ: £100</p> <p>Balance after Disco: £5799.47</p> <p>Lucky Numbers: 22 numbers bought to date (1700 on 02/10/2023)</p> <p>Current Balance: £6019.47</p> <p>Please continue to share and promote the lucky numbers. Closing date is 6pm on Friday 6th October.</p> <p>JT reminded us the lottery license is due to be paid between 31st Oct and 31st Dec.</p> <p>Jan is picking up the books from the Auditors on Tues 3rd Oct.</p> <p>The Scottish Opera is still to be paid (£1080). LPS have still not received an invoice for this.</p> <p>HL said that once we have the lucky numbers money is in, we need to look at what contributions we can make to the school. Last year the PC contributed £2 per pupil for the panto. PC will look to support the panto visit again this year.</p>	
Fundraising	<p>Lucky Numbers Discussed earlier under Treasurer's report. Please continue to promote.</p> <p>Christmas gift sale Confirmed date Friday 1st Dec. Need to look at another date for gift sale preparation. All members are asked to look out to purchase gifts. KL's mum is continuing to knit chocolate orange covers – many thanks!</p>	

AOCB	Nil raised.	
Next meeting date	6 th November at 6:15pm in LPS	