

Lanark Primary School Parent Council Parent Council Meeting Minutes



Monday 2nd September 2024 6:15pm
Lanark Primary School

| Item | Discussion | Actions |
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| Attendees | <p>LPS: Farah Crook (FC), Susan Hayes(SH)</p> <p>PC: Helen Logan (HL), Kimberley Philip (KP), Olivia Masters (OM), Moira McMahon(MM), Vicky Simpson (VS), Lorraine Newbigging (LN), Alison Campbell (AC), Kirstin Johnstone (KJ), Kerry Freel (KF) (arrived during HT report)</p> <p>Apologies: Jane Gracie, Jan Towers, Nikki Strachan arriving late (arrived during HT report)</p> | |
| Welcome | <p>HL welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Minutes from the meeting AGM 20th May proposed by OM, approved by HL.</p> | |
| Head teacher's report | <p>HT report from FC:</p> <div data-bbox="414 1232 539 1355"> </div> <p>Head Teacher Report- Lanark Primary School & ELC Parent Council Monday 2nd September, 2024</p> <p>Official Welcome and Thanks I would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome you all as a Parent Council for Session 2024-25 and I look forward to working with you all as always, as we support the school and move forward together. A special thanks to you all for your support during what has been an extremely distressing time. Marguerite would like me to pass on her heartfelt thanks for the beautiful flowers and messages of condolence she has received.</p> <p>School Roll and Staffing Our current roll for session 2024-25 is 248 with a further 32 in our ELC. We already have limited spaces in our current P2, P5 and P6 stages. In terms of staffing, we have now completed the leeting and interview process for Acting DHT from SLC's Acting</p> | |

DHT Pool. We are delighted to say that Susan was the successful candidate who will cover for Miss Elkin during her absence. As Mrs Hayes works 4 days, Mrs Gracie will cover and carry out some of the role on a Wednesday. We will now look to the SLC Acting PT Pool to leet and interview for a temporary PT. In the meantime, we would like to welcome Miss Hannah McIntyre who is helping with our cover shortfall and the moment. Miss McIntyre is working in R9 on a Monday and throughout the school the rest of the week. Our classes consist of P1, P2/1, P3/2, P3, P4, P5/4, P6/5, P6, P7, P7. Due to budget constraints, we do not have any other additionality in the teaching staff this year.

We do welcome Mrs Kimberley Paterson and Mrs Roslyn Shanks as our Support Teachers and Mrs Ali Stevenson as our ELC Support Teacher. The team will visit as and when required to perform their support role.

Standards & Quality Report

https://www.lanark-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk/images/Parent_SQ_2023.24_Lanark_Primary_ELC.pdf

School Improvement Planning

https://www.lanark-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk/images/Lanark_Primary_School_SIP_On_A_Page_2024-25.pdf



Farah Crook
Head Teacher

FC asked the PC to highlight the [Standards and Quality](#) document and the LPS [Priorities on a Page](#) document. The links for both are also included in the HT report.

There were some discussions around the financial difficulties being seen within education at present. LPS continues to try and reduce the cost of the school day for all learners. FC continues to try look at ways to manage the budget as best as possible. Replacing IT equipment can be very expensive for example, so she tries to save a small % each year to ensure that she is able to do this when necessary.

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| | <p>All staff within LPS have been working hard to produce a package of support for individual children who require it. In recent years the number of children requiring additional support has increased.</p> <p>Attendance at LPS is better than attendance at matched schools. Working is ongoing at nationally and at local authority to try and ensure attendance is improved.</p> <p>HL asked FC if SLC were providing additional funding to help with children requiring additional support. FC said that although the hours for support staff had stayed the same, the demand had increased.</p> <p>In the last few years LPS have been given additionality as FC has been supporting SLC in training new HT. However, this additionality is no longer being given.</p> <p>There are less permanent teaching posts available at present for newly qualified staff (Supply will still be available).</p> <p>SLC continue to offer a range of professional learning opportunities for a range of additional learning needs. Teachers at LPS work flexibly and creatively to meet the varying needs of all learners in class.</p> <p>OM asked why we are seeing more children requiring additional support, is it due to more awareness/diagnoses. FC said that there does seem to be improvements in diagnosis. However, LPS will support all children regardless of whether a diagnosis is in place. LPS will use all resources that are available to them to support children, e.g. neurodevelopment pathway, educational psychologists, speech & language therapists, etc.</p> <p>KF and OM said that they feel that children requiring extra support were well catered for at LPS.</p> <p>FC stated that LPS outdid their targets for raising attainment and will continue to try and improve this further. A potential lack of resources in the coming years is a concern.</p> | |
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| | (NS arrived during HT report.) | |
| Treasure r's report | <p>Current balance £4015.25</p> <p>Income:</p> <p>Easter £256.20</p> <p>Summer raffle £312</p> <p>Total income: £568.20</p> <p>Outgoings:</p> <p>Easter expenses: £53.55</p> <p>4 x lucky numbers: £160</p> <p>Connect membership: £134</p> <p>Ties: £330</p> <p>Mugs: £360</p> <p>Total outgoings: £1037.55</p> <p>KJ still to hear back from accountant to sign off accounts from 23/24. KJ will chase them to get this done.</p> <p>KJ highlighted that Bank of Scotland Lanark branch has now closed and this will make it difficult to get cash out and pay cash in. The decision of the committee was that we should move the account to the Royal Bank of Scotland. KF will speak to a representative of the RBS around the logistics of doing this and KJ will take this forward.</p> | |
| Fundraisi ng | <p>School Disco</p> <p>HL has made a playlist.</p> <p>KP has purchased disco lights.</p> <p>KP has discussed with Tesco and they have offered to give us some snacks and drinks for the disco. Many thanks to tesco! KP will pick up prior to the disco.</p> <p>Ticket sales have gone well.</p> <p>FC said a number of the teaching and support staff have agreed to attend to disco to help. HL thanked them for their support. FC has done registers.</p> <p>Chill out zone will be sent out. Need to bring colouring sheets/pens.</p> | |

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| | <p>A few ex-pupils have also said that they will help out.</p> <p>HL will get plastic cups and hand in jugs to the school on Thursday AM so they can be filled and chilled.</p> <p>Lucky Numbers</p> <p>All the committee agreed that Lucky numbers should run again this year. Deadline will be 4th Oct. KP to produce flyer and google form and have it ready to be shared on Friday 6th Sept.</p> <p>Gift Sale</p> <p>Date is set for Friday 29th Nov.</p> <p>Sunday 24th November was proposed as a possible gift sale preparation day.</p> <p>Everyone is asked to look out for stock for the gift sale. Several people mentioned that poundstretcher was closing down and there were lots of bargains. HL asked if anyone had time could they go in and buy what they thought was appropriate and if not she would try and go in Friday.</p> <p>Other Fundraising ideas</p> <p>Nil discussed</p> | |
| AOCB | Nil | |
| Next meeting date | 7 th Oct at 7pm online via Microsoft Teams. | |