

Lanark Primary School Parent Council Parent Council Meeting Minutes



**Monday 4th November 2024 6:15pm
Lanark Primary School**

Item	Discussion	Actions
Attendees	<p>LPS: Farah Crook (FC), PC: Helen Logan (HL), Kimberley Philip (KP), Kerry Freel (KF), Vicky Simpson (VS), Olivia McMaster(OM)</p> <p>Apologies: Jan Towers, Lorraine Newbigging, Susan Hayes, Kirstin Johnstone, Jane Gracie, Lisa Dunlop, Moira McMahon, Alison Campbell.</p>	
Welcome	<p>HL welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Minutes from the meeting on 7th October approved, proposed by KF, seconded by HL.</p>	
Head teacher's report	<p>FC reported that they had welcomed new learners to LPS, taking the school roll to 282 (including ELC children). There are currently no spaces left in P2 or P5 and soon there will be no spaces in P6. The ELC currently have 6 children on the waiting list for the ELC.</p> <p>The average attendance across all stages is currently 95.26%.</p> <p>The P7 had a very successful residential trip to Lockerbie Manor last week. The P7s were presented with leavers hoodies prior to the trip and were all looking great in them. The caretaker</p>	

	<p>for Moffat church, where the group stopped for lunch on the way to Lockerbie Manor, contacted the school to say how impressed he was by the behaviour and manners of the children. Well done P7s! FC, accompanied by Elaine Brown, were able to join everyone on the Thursday evening for dinner and the last activity. FC was able to carry out the Pod inspections and was very impressed with the high standards. We hope everyone enjoyed the trip.</p> <p>Every pupil leadership group has now had their first meeting and set their agenda for the year.</p> <p>ELC, as part of their leadership and partnership initiative, are going to start visit to Crosslaw Care Home. The fortnightly visits will start on 21st November. Prior to the visits parents will be asked if they think their children will manage the walk.</p> <p>The equity vote has now been completed. Many thanks to all the parents who completed the survey at the parent consultation events. Reduced cost/no cost (to families) trips and resources for extra-curricular activities received the most votes and this will be what the allocated participatory budget will be spent.</p> <p>LPS are very proud to have received 3 awards, Digital Schools Aware, Digital Wellbeing Award and European Digital Award. LPS are one of only a few schools in Scotland to have been awarded all 3 awards. Many thanks to Mrs Ross and our digital team for all their hard work on this.</p> <p>Many thanks to everyone who has donated toys to the LPS Christmas Toy Sale. All money raised will be put towards school funds. Any toys left will be reviewed to see if they can be used within the school and ELC. Anything that can not be used by the school will be donated to St. Andrews Hospice shop.</p>	
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	<p>LPS has now signed up for Asda rewards. You can now link your account so that everytime you shop in Asda in store or online you can be raising money for the school. Please sign up to Asda rewards and link your account to LPS.</p> <p>LPS also have an account with Easyfundraising. Please consider signing up at www.easyfundraising.org.uk or via the app. You can then raise money for LPS while you shop. Stores involved include Tesco, Currys, Iceland, John Lewis. You can also get donations when buying insurance and signing up for broadband! This could be a great fundraiser over the Christmas shopping period.</p> <p>Money raised via these platforms is great for going towards Christmas gifts for our younger learners when they have a special visitor.</p> <p>HL asked FC if she had heard anything from Anne Wilton at SLC regarding parent council insurance. FC will check through her emails. HL will contact SLC if FC has not received anything.</p>	
Treasurer's report	<p>Presented by HL on behalf of KL:</p> <p>Current balance: £5216.75</p> <p>Income since last meeting - £600 for lucky numbers (1 person still to confirm if payment was sent and then numbers can be allocated).</p> <p>Lottery License renewal needs to be submitted and paid for this month.</p>	

	<p>Commitments – approx. £800 for panto and ELC Christmas activity.</p> <p>PC will consider how they can best support LPS, especially given the current financial difficulties. For further discussion at the January meeting. KL to prepare list of commitments for the upcoming year.</p>	
Fundraising	<p>Christmas gift sale – 29th November. KP will send memo asking for helpers to FC to be posted on the app.</p> <p>HL has continued to purchase items for the gift sale. She has managed to find mugs at a reasonable price, but we still need more if people can be on the lookout. She will also place an order through the wholesaler that was used last year.</p> <p>Scot's night Scheduled for 12th February 2025. Will take the format of the past few years with no costs for tickets and donations taken for refreshments and raffle available.</p>	
AOCB	Nil	
Next meeting date	Monday 13 th January 2025, 7pm online via Microsoft Teams	