



## Lanark Primary School Parent Council Parent Council Meeting Minutes

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 6:15pm**  
**Lanark Primary School**

Item	Discussion	Actions
Attendees	<p>LPS: Farah Crook (FC), Lisa Dunlop (LD)</p> <p>PC: Helen Logan (HL), Kimberley Philip (KP), Vicky Simpson (VS), Kirstin Leitch (KL), Moira McMahon (MM)</p> <p>Apologies: Lorraine Newbigging, Olivia Masters, Nikki Strachan, Susan Hayes, Jane Gracie, Alison Campbell, Kerry Freel</p>	
Welcome	<p>HL welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Minutes from the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were proposed by MM and seconded by KL.</p>	
Head teacher's report	<p>FC reported:</p> <p>Miss Elkin is retuning to work on a phased return this week. The aim is that she will be back to full time working the week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> March. FC offered thanks to SH, LD and JG who have assisted the senior leadership team in Miss Elkin's absence. LD will continue as Acting Principal Teacher one day a week until the end of the session. JG will also continue to provide additional management cover during this period. FC also thanked Miss Monk who has provided</p>	

	<p>back fill to LPS during Miss Elkin's absence. Miss Monk has become a valued member of staff and worked hard in room 9. Her last day at LPS will be 21<sup>st</sup> March.</p> <p>Mr Warren, who has been Janitor at LPS since October 2021, has earned a well-deserved promotion within SLC. His last day at LPS will be 14<sup>th</sup> March. FC thanked MR Warren for all his hard work, he has been a valued member of LPS staff. The parent council also offered thanks for all the help Mr Warren has given them in his time at LPS. Janitor cover will be provided by SLC until the position has been filled on a permanent basis.</p> <p>On 28<sup>th</sup> Jan had a delayed start following an overheating incident in the biomass store. The biomass is currently switched off and will remain so until it has been fully checked, and reassurances are in place about its safety. Gas heating will be solely used until this time. Following this incident all health and safety and fire safety checks will need to be redone.</p> <p>During the recent in-service day the ELC, support and teaching staff took part in further Emotion coaching training. This is a nurture-based programme that aims to develop attachment and supportive relationships with children and families. LPS aim to teach children about emotions, to support their emotional wellbeing, along with all the other core elements of the curriculum</p> <p>. SLC will now only use X (formerly known as Twitter) for emergency alerts and other urgent information. They have encouraged all schools and other council-associated users to follow the Council's lead. This is due to concerns that X now allows promotion and dissemination of harmful content. There has also been a change to the terms and conditions relating to the ownership status of content. SLC have suggested schools consider setting up a Bluesky account to disseminate information. FC will carefully consider how/if to continue to use social media to</p>	
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	<p>communicate with families and the community. Other options discussed included using google classroom more to share information. Lots of information is shared via the school app however it is difficult to upload anything that is not a PDF or a message. There may also be an option to put more information on the portal website, however this requires users to log in to view the information.</p>	
Treasurer's report	<p>From KL:</p> <p>Current bank balance: £6554.96.</p> <p>Takings from Scots night: £397.80.          Scots night takings have not been paid into bank account yet due to difficulties in doing so.  <b>Total balance: £6952.76</b></p> <p>Deductions due:          £20 - Mrs Brown for voucher for piper from Scots night.          £200 - Feb-June lucky numbers.          £429 – School App fee.</p> <p>KL has the accounts from last year for HL to sign off.</p> <p>HL proposed that the parent council give £7 per LPS pupil towards school trips and £250 to the ELC for an activity. This was seconded by KL. This will be transferred to LPS account before the end of March.</p>	HL

	FC will discuss with LPS staff if there are resources for learners that the parent council could contribute to.	
Fundraising	<p>Easter eggstravaganza:</p> <p>ELC: choose the name of a cuddly toy.</p> <p>P1-3: Guess the birthday x 2.</p> <p>P4-7: Easter eggs for 6 classes.</p> <p>Event will run from 24<sup>th</sup> March to 4<sup>th</sup> April.</p> <p>KP to produce flyer.</p> <p>PC members need to obtain cuddly toys and easter eggs for prizes.</p>	<p>KP</p> <p>PC members</p>
AOCB	FC: At a local SLC meeting councillors asked HT to remind PCs that they would welcome an invitation the PC meetings. LPS's councillors are Catherine McClymont, Richard Lockhart-Elliott and Julia Marrs.	
Next meeting date	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March, 7pm via Microsoft Teams	