



Lanark Primary School Parent Council Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Monday 24th March, 7pm
Online via Microsoft Teams

Item	Discussion	Actions
Attendees	<p>LPS: Farah Crook (FC), Lisa Dunlop (LD), Marguerite Elkin (ME), Susan Hayes (SH) PC: Helen Logan (HL), Kimberley Philip (KP), Vicky Simpson (VS), Kirstin Leitch (KL), Moira McMahon (MM), Alison Campbell (AC), Kerry Freel (KF), Lorraine Newbigging (LN),</p> <p>Apologies: Nikki Strachan</p>	
Welcome	<p>HL welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Minutes from the meeting on 24th February 2025 were proposed by HL and seconded by MM.</p>	
Head teacher's report	<p>FC reported:</p> <p>Welcome back to ME. All staff and children are delighted to have her back.</p> <p>Progress is being made with the improvement plan. Application has been made for 2nd attachment pledge with SLC. 2 more teachers have completed maths improvement training, leaving only 1 more member of teaching staff to complete the training. Work is ongoing to encourage writing for pleasure. There was a staff moderator meeting where class data was compared.</p>	

	<p>Assessment data is available to headquarters in Nov, Feb and June and P1 & P7. Attainment in P1 and P4 is approximately 80%. Attainment in P7 is lower than this. Many of this cohort has a proportion of children with additional support needs and gains have been made.</p> <p>Pupils from P6 & P7 recently attended the Clydesdale active schools cross-country running event at Lanark racecourse. Congratulations to everyone who took part. 2 pupils in P6 qualified for the South Lanarkshire final at Chatelherault next week. Good luck to them.</p> <p>Athletics training is now starting for P6 & P7 pupils who wish to participate. The Clydesdale active schools athletic event will take place at the John Cumming Stadium in Carluke in May.</p> <p>Some pupils are also taking part in the SLLC active schools primary dance event on Wednesday 26th March. Good luck to everyone taking part, we hope you all have fun.</p> <p>Class trips have started. Many thanks to the PC for the donation towards these trips.</p> <p>SLC are again looking at the cost of the school day. FC will discuss with the PC next year how LPS can take steps to further reduce the cost of the school day.</p> <p>Transition work has started for the new intake of P1s and the P7s transitioning to secondary education. Work has already started, with visits planned and information being shared.</p> <p>FC has been asked to take part in conversations with pupil support about how useful the information is that is being shared from P7 to S1. Dates have been sent out for P1 transition visits. Final decisions have not been made yet on placement requests. FC is hopefully that this information will be shared by the end of April.</p>	
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	<p>Margaret Taylor has started at LPS as temporary Janitor, whilst the permanent position is advertised and interviewed for. Many thanks to her for her input so far. The closing date for applications is now passed and interviewed should take place shortly.</p> <p>HL asked if the class formation for the academic year 25/26 had been finalised. FC replied that there would be 10 classes again next year but the exact formation of these classes had not be finalised. She was hopeful that there would be 2 x P7 classes and 1 x P1 and 1 xP1/2. The total role for next year is anticipated to drop next year as the current P7 is a large cohort. The final numbers will not be known until all placing requests have been allocated.</p> <p>HL also asked: Audit Scotland have said that there should be general support for ASN in schools. It is anticipated that there may be any additional input? FC didn't think there would be anything additional but there have not been any meetings about this yet.</p>	
Treasurer's report	<p>From KL:</p> <p>Current balance: £4848.51</p> <p>Income since last meeting: Just under £400 from Scots night</p> <p>Deductions since last meeting: £2000 – school trips £80 – lucky numbers</p>	

	<p>Commitments:</p> <p>Easter eggstravaganza – receipts for prizes still to be submitted but will hopefully be a profitable event.</p> <p>School app – approx £400</p> <p>P7 cards</p> <p>Scottish Opera – this is due to take place next year and may be approx. £1000 but cost currently unknown.</p> <p>School ties for P1s and P7s – HL proposed that the PC pay for these again this year. Proposal seconded by KL/KP.</p> <p>HL asked if there was anything else would be useful for the PC to support with. FC said that had discussed this with the staff and it was felt that some headphones for the chromebooks would be very useful and could be used by the whole school. HL proposed a £500 donation to purchase headphones, which was seconded by KL. FC also asked for a £50 donation to the hardship fund which was authorised by HL, KL and KP.</p> <p>MM asked if it would helpful to have sashes or hats to help identify children on school trips. FC said that there are currently sashes for the ELC but they have never utilised these for school pupils. She will ask the staff in the lower school if these would be useful. She felt that for the upper school it probably wasn't necessary or practical.</p> <p>OM asked about hygiene measures for headphones if they are going be shared amongst children. FC will look at best practise for cleaning these.</p>	
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	KL has noticed that there has been a bank charge of £4.25 on the account this month. She will investigate if this is a one off payment or a monthly recurring charge and report back.	
Fundraising	<p>Easter Eggstravaganza All prizes, raffle tickets and information has been submitted to the school and started today. Prizes will be drawn on Friday 4th April.</p> <p>HL reported that in previous years the PC has run a themed summer raffle. This will be for the new office bearers to take the lead on.</p>	PC members
AOCB	<p>HL is attending 2 meetings in the coming weeks. The first the SLC parent council conference on the 31st March. This covers education resource priorities, success stories, health and wellbeing. There will be a representative from Connect and the National PC lead at the event. The second meeting is being hosted by Connect on the changes introduced by Disclosure Scotland on the PVG scheme.</p> <p>HL said that so far LPS has had to provide a list of PVGs for people still associated with LPS to ensure that the list is up to date. At present on members of the PC will be left unsupervised with any children at events.</p> <p>FC asked what people's views were on the achievement photos being posted on the school app rather than on X(formerly Twitter). Everyone agreed it had been good. Only issue is that you can't zoom in on the photos so if of a larger group it is hard to see the detail. FC said that this couldn't be changed but advised that you could take a screenshot and zoom in on this.</p>	

	AC said that Lidl were running a "Go bananas" event. Teachers could sign up for this and be provided with seeds, etc.	
Next meeting date		