

# Lenzie Meadow Parent Council Meeting Update



Your Parent Council met on Monday 15 May. Below is a summary of what was discussed and the actions agreed:

- **Involving and Engaging All Parents with the Parent Council**

The first short update after our Parent Council Meeting in March received positive feedback so we have committed to delivering them going forward. Alongside this a termly newsletter will be issued. A small group of members are currently drafting this and it will be with Parents shortly.

- **Muddy Back Lane**

It was noted by the parent council that the back-access path to the school continues to suffer from flooding and muddy patches. Assurance has been received from EDC that they will work with Land Lease over the summer holidays to look at drainage solutions to resolve this issue.

- **Primary 1 Inductions**

The first P1 induction Day is to be held on Friday 2 June. The Parent Council Chair and the PTA Chair will join together to present and engage with parents and carers at this session.

- **School Uniform**

The school uniform suppliers for the coming year will continue to be Baru and Gilmores. Parent wishing to purchase uniform are encouraged to order early. Mr Bremner advised Baru has contributed £700 to school funds from uniform sales over the course of this school year.

The parent council and PTA would like to ask parents to donate pre-loved school uniform. A collection box will be located in the school reception. A sale of donated uniform will be held by the PTA at the P1 induction days (2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June) and PTA school events to raise funds. Any uniform leftover will be donated to the DeafBlind Charity Shop in Kirkintilloch.

- **Staffing**

Mr Bremner advised that Mrs McFadyen and Mrs Warboys will be retiring at the end of the school year; Mrs McMahan will be going on maternity leave and Miss Duffy will be taking a career break. The

Parent Council wishes them all well and noted thanks for their commitment and dedication to the pupils and the school throughout the year.

- **Additional Support Needs Group**

The Parent Council is delighted the group's second meeting was well attended with over 20 parents coming along. The presentation on the school's ASN policy and practices was very informative and parents welcomed the opportunity to meet each other. We are working closely with the school to arrange the next session for this group and details will be shared with all parents once confirmed.

- **Traffic**

The Parent Council noted that following targeted efforts there has been some positive improvement in the parking and vehicle movement in and around the school. To ensure a positive approach by all at the start of next term, the PC will re-issue the traffic infographic guidelines to all parents and carers, and car park monitoring will continue. EDC will also be asked to provide enforcement support to ensure safe practice.

- **Parent Survey**

A presentation of the findings from the parent survey was given at the meeting. The parent council are pleased at the survey response rate (25% of families) and welcomed the survey findings which highlighted many positives as well as some areas that could be further improved. A summary report and follow-up actions will be shared with the parent body before the end of term.

- **East Dunbartonshire Council Response to the Stage Report**

This matter is still ongoing. Council Officers are meeting Mr Bremner and the Parent Council Chair on 23 May to discuss improvements to the stage and the OPUS sound system. An update on progress around this issue will be included in the next newsletter.

- **East Dunbartonshire Council Response to IT Provision Report**

A meeting between Council Officers, the school and the Parent Council to discuss the school's IT provision is to be held Wednesday 24 May. An update on progress around this issue will be included in the next newsletter. The Parent Council also noted and welcomed EDC providing the school with three new laptops and licenses to compensate for an IT laptop bus that was purchased from school funds.

- **Pathway Across Rugby Club**

The Parent Council has been advised that the procurement process for the rugby club pathway is to be re-run by EDC (published on Monday 5

June) as none of the initial submissions meet their criteria. While disappointing, the Council's commitment to the path remains.

- **Classification for Academic Year 2017/18**

Mr Bremner confirmed that a 20 class structure will remain and that the new P1 intake will consist of 83 pupils. No placing requests for the P1 intake have been granted.

The school's SMT assured class consistency for pupils and staff where possible. A Stepping Up Day, when current P1 – P6 children spend time in their new classes with their new teachers, will be held on Monday 26 June.

- **Curriculum Rationale and School Improvement Plan**

Mr Bremner shared details of the curriculum rationale, which is reviewed every three years and ties closely with the school vision. The School Improvement Plan for 2017-18 will be ready in mid-June and key areas of focus will be literacy, numeracy and health & well-being. The school will also focus on enhancing technology and introduce a new school homework diary, which will include, among other things, lists of common words and explanations of teaching methods and strategies.

- **National Improvement Framework – Standardised Assessment**

Mr Bremner updated the parent council on the Scottish Government's progress on implementing standardised assessment at P1, P4 and P7. This is on track to be in place across Scotland for the coming academic year. The Parent Council noted that the computer based assessment will adapt as the child is completing it and as such the experience is individualised. Please note this is not a teaching to the test assessment and while the results of these assessments will be sent to parents and will be published, they are NOT for benchmarking purposes.

- **Class Dojo**

A presentation of the Class Dojo system currently being tested in a number of classes was given. The Parent Council welcomed the opportunity to learn about this system, which allows the teacher to share class stories with all class parents. Individual pupil information can be shared with a child's parents (and nobody else will see this or have access to it). Mr Bremner advised a full evaluation of the pilot test will be carried out to determine if the class dojo system will be rolled out across the school.

- **Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Sub-Group**

Mr Bremner updated that there has been a huge uptake from various organisations to come into the school and that every class will experience a visit from a STEM ambassador.

- **School Trips**

Mr Bremner confirmed that all pupils (including nursery) will have had the opportunity to go on a school trip by the end of the academic year and that trips reflect the learning topics.

- **Flood Damage to Gym Hall Floor**

Mr Bremner advised that there has been some damage to the gym hall floor, caused by flooding from a damaged skylight seal. The flooring will be repaired either during the May weekend or the school summer holidays.

**We hope this summary helps you stay connected with your Parent Council. If you would like any further information on the areas detailed above or want to raise any issue with the Parent Council please e-mail: [lenziemeadowparetcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:lenziemeadowparetcouncil@gmail.com)**

A full minute of the meeting will be available soon on the school website

**Date of next Parent Council Meeting: Parent Council AGM, Monday  
11 September 2017.**