

AGM MINUTES



Date: Monday 7th November 2022
Location: Teams
Time: 6.30pm
Subject: Parent Council Meeting

In attendance:

Staff: Sheona Allen (HT) Lorraine Donnelly Hilary Roddick
Jill Donald

Parents: Lyndsey Saunders Louise Thompson
(Chair) (Vice Chair)

Susan Tate Emma Donaldson Emma Henderson
Louise Thompson Maureen Matheson Justine Currie
Joyce Thomson Jennifer McDonald

Apologies: Angela McGhee
Nic McColm
Joslyn Currie (issues joining)

1. Welcome

Minutes approved from last meeting

Amendments: spelling of name Jennifer MacDonald (not Jen McDonald)

Proposed: Jennifer

Second: Joyce

2. HT Update

Parents Night

Parents night feedback: only got 142 responses – particularly P3 low response.

55% of those booked in person, 37% online (some wanted in person). Very positive in person responses.

Online – 50 out of 68 1st choice. 20 out of 68 said they would book this again.

Book fair: 85 said yes, 15 no. Needs to be card payment option.

People enjoyed being back in the classroom and visualise and see work. Would like to see more jotter work.

7 people liked option as both types of online and in person

Mixed response to clock and timer. Buzzer should be removed but keep clock to keep to time. This was emphasised by parents.

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Positives about how organised staff were.

Lots of people asked for more time than 7minutes -

Staff feedback: 5 liked in person, 13 liked hybrid model.

4 felt too short, none felt too long, 14 felt timing was just right – they got across the things they wanted to say (BUT parents didn't get to do this).

Currently: 2 parents night, 1 interim report and final report: Up for debate.

Feedback from Parent Council: timing of the event to accommodate working parents.

Vote:

5 hybrid model

3 no

6 voted for getting rid of interim report and lengthen parents meeting and allow for 2 in person dates and 1 online date and longer at 9minutes.

School improvement plan

going well. Lots of updates and Quality improvement officer from EDC coming out. Observations in class starting soon.

Moving back to a “new normal” and so lots of reflection and decisions needed.

3. Parent Body Items

Football

Lots of stressed children in P3 about SFA – coaches reported as “shouty”.

4weeks of football coach across each year group.

Sheona spoke to P2 teachers and did not see “shouty” behaviour but do seem strict. Will also speak to P4 teachers as another report of coaches being like this.

Music

Lack of music opportunities in the curriculum – the school covers the curriculum but no music specialist anymore.

Beat buddies P4 and more of a focus on music come Christmas. However, numeracy, literacy and Health and Wellbeing are core elements which need to be focused on.

Re music - great when it is provided in school (& very much think it should be) but this (music for P1, P2+ at Royal Conservatoire of Scotland) is fab and not actually that well publicised. ...

https://www.rcs.ac.uk/junior_courses/earlyyearsmusicandpip/ next intake for P4 & P5 woodwind, brass and percussion includes musicianship lesson is this Sunday 13 Nov
https://www.rcs.ac.uk/junior_courses/primary-instrumental-programme-wbp/

After-school clubs

How to manage over-subscription? Sports classes not over-subscribed as yet.

How to encourage volunteers?

Funding for modern languages clubs and everything else is voluntary.

Lenzie Academy young leaders volunteering but need school staff to work extra.

Positive feedback to teachers for all their help and support.

Homework sub-group

To discuss opinions of homework in general as a mixed response to homework.

Consultation needed with parents and pupils.

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Jennifer MacDonald, Maureen Matheson, Louise Thompson, Emma Henderson and Joslyn Currie.
To arrange a meeting prior to next Parent Council.
Consider what is happening across the Country?
Sub-group to liaise with Sheona.
Link to pupil council and consider shared points. Education Scotland suggest this. Consideration for homework sub-group.

Halloween Disco

Feedback indicated that it was very loud and younger kids wanted to leave – needed some structure and games.

Health and Wellbeing Questionnaire

Looking for more information as to context about what the purpose is for.
Initially a transition project for Lenzie Academy and then brought it in as a wellbeing project. Utilises the SHANARI indicators. Initially P4-P7. During Covid it was lower. It now also includes P3.
Wellbeing tracker for P5-P7: pilot for East Dunbartonshire.
Purpose: It supports the teacher to understand the whole child on a termly basis. It's just to open communication with the teacher and help the child feel listened too.
Can look at making the questions more child friendly.
Only goes to class teacher and one member of management.

Request for key dates to keep parents right – already auctioned by Sheona

Update form Parent Council Forum – Strategic Equity fund – looking to raise attendance and subsequently attainment over next 4years.
Slides to be shared and circulated and to be discussed at next meeting: 28th Nov 2022.

Parental Engagement:

How to encourage more people to join meetings or approach with any concerns? School-wide issues – not individual issues.
Action - Attach minutes to weekly school update from Sheona or should we consider a brief summary paragraph from Parent Council.
Louise to write letter to council re playground and getting it upgraded.
Confirmed: gate beside P1 is locked during day.
PVG checks for volunteers – not required if staff member is present as a one-off. However, if this is regular then this may be required. This may be a requirement for PTA to consider going forwards.

Consider a Parent Council newsletter – feedback is helpful. This is what we can achieve.
No ethnic diversity in Parent Council.
Currently 1 rep – can have 2. Query if nomination process put people off
Action – feedback on constitution.

Next meeting: 28th Nov 2022, 6.30-8pm