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Date: Monday 28th October 2024
Location: Lenzie Meadow Primary School
Time: 6:45pm – 7:45pm
Subject: Parent Council Meeting

In attendance:

Staff: Rona Wallace HT Lorraine Donnelly DHT Elaine Gardiner DHT

Parents: Lyndsey Saunders (Chair) Shirley-Anne Brightman (Clerk)
Diana Dundas Karen Jarvie
Joyce Thomson
Meera Lafferty Jill Penman

Apologies: Heather Dickson Catherine Paterson Nicola Scott
Laura Kennedy Emma Donaldson

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed.

1. Welcome

Lyndsey Saunders, Chair, welcomed attendees and gave apologies.

2. Headteacher's Report

Parents' Night

HT pleased to report 95% attendance at Parents' Nights. One alternative online date was offered for parents who could not make either of the face to face sessions. Book sales on the night returned 60% to the school to spend on books – the total was an amazing £2000. These funds will really contribute to further development towards the next Reading Schools award. Mrs Roddick will be looking at diversifying the novel studies used in the school.

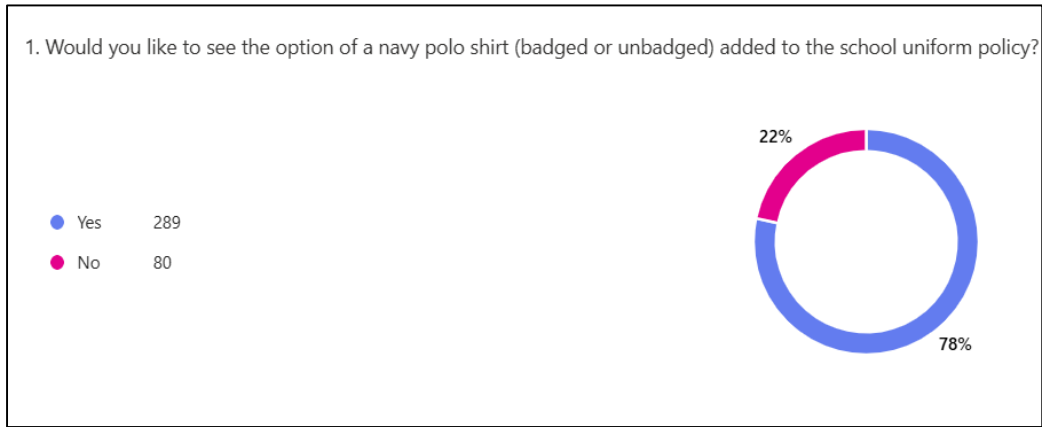
Cost of the school day

This Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) priority will be something LMPS is looking at this session. The core message is to look at **reducing** costs to all families. There are also considerations around sustainability so following on from the success of the second hand uniform sale, a Christmas jumper swap has been arranged and further initiatives such as looking at outer wear will be coming. Mhairi Colston is leading on this policy area.

Uniform consultation

An ongoing set of requests for the option of a navy polo shirt to be added to the uniform options is being considered. HT is seeking advice on the process and requirements for adding items especially any procurement rules around commissioning additional badged items from existing school uniform suppliers. A survey of parents conducted in the week following this meeting returned 369 responses summarised below. 78% of respondents stated they would welcome this option. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting to clarify the process once HT has had feedback from EDC.

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Homework Policy

A new project-based approach to homework has been launched this term. The leadership team hope this new model will provide more choice for children in terms of how they like to engage with home learning. Reading tasks will still sit alongside the longer-term projects. Regular check-ins in class will keep children on track with their projects.

Parental engagement

The school is continuing to use the established channels to engage with parents. As Christmas is a busy time of year, a separate Christmas Events Calendar will be circulated so that parents are aware of the events happening in school for children as well as those to which parents are welcome. HT would like to stress that there are a high number of opportunities for parents to join their children in school to provide choice for families who may not be able to attend on certain dates due to work/other commitments. There is no expectation from the school that parents attend all events.

Playground spend

A further update to the PTA money to be spent on the playground. Choices have been made by the children and the final selection has gone back to EDC estates for approval. Timeframes for installation to be confirmed.

Other items

HT wished to let the PC know that Learning Overviews will be sent out to parents this week. Car park issues have continued to be better thanks to the leadership team and wardens patrolling. The PTA disco brought in £900 which the HT hopes the PTA will agree to spending on more technology items to support learning in the school.

AOCB

Question of portable flag revisited and asked for reconsideration – more school branded competition wear for teams taking to sporting events was an alternative suggestion.

P7 groups for Barcaple residential trip are yet to be decided. Children will be asked to name friends they would like to be in a dormitory with.

The question of classification for next year was reposed. HT confirmed that it is the need to have a composite class of P3 and P4 pupils that drives the reclassification so P1-P4 can expect to be moved again at the end of this session. There are no current plans to change the make up of the P5 and P6 classes as they move into P6 and P7 next year but this comes with the caveat of unknown circumstances which may arise as the year goes on.

The final meeting of 2024 will take place on 9th December 2024, 6:15-7:45pm at the school. Dates for the remaining meetings of the school year are as follows: 2nd February 2025, 24th March 2025, 9th June 2025.