

LHS Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday 19th September 2023

Present: Shona Fleming (Chair), Ali Berardelli (Vice Chair), Louise Pescod, Jane Halewood, Lisa Wharton, Scott Steele (HT)

Apologies: Dee Collins (Treasurer), Maria MacRae, Yvonne Clark, (PT), Sarah Fanet (Councilor)

Welcome: The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Previous Minutes: Proposed – LP Seconded – AB

Treasurers Report:

Current balance £1957.96

Head Teachers Report:

Trips:

S6 London February 2024, Jordan October 2024 (various year groups inc. DoE Gold Expedition), PGL Mediterranean Watersports 2025.

Want to establish rhythm & frequency of trips to widen horizons

Previously S6 have done fundraising events such as Burns Supper – can explore further.

School Visits:

Invite parents into school when school is on. Proposed Wednesday 27th September 2023
12noon subject to strike action

Duke of Edinburgh:

Qualifying Expedition was in Arran.

Staffing:

Pupil Support Base, PT – Karen Fotheringham acting until Lauren MacKenzie starts in October

Glencoe House – acting PT position filled by Mellisa Beacall

Maths Post – two members of staff are covering this post

Gaelic Post – rotations have been organised, Caroline Groat is meeting every class for at least one period & is also making video inputs

Home Economics – Mrs Harrower retires at the October break

Strike Action:

Strike action proposed for 26-28 September 2023. Will update as soon as possible

Paired Reading:

S6 working with supporting S2/S3 pupils

School Hike:

Over £5,000 raised.

Lots of fun had by all. The Rural Complex supported the event

Pupil Voice Groups:

Two groups (BGE/Senior phase) exploring how to advance particular articles forward of the UNCRC.

Topics chosen by pupils & staff.

Health & Well Being Report:

“All things well-being podcasts” will be commencing in October. Interviews lined up with pupils who have been gaining life experiences outside of the classroom.

S1 – S3 HWD Days Tuesday 3rd – Thursday 5th October. Each year group comes off timetable for the day to participate in a series of well-being workshops. This year’s theme is based around the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Term 2 - focus of Christmas Disco/ Dances and some senior phase fundraising events.

Parent Council Diary Dates:

Dates were agreed for the Parent Council meetings for the forthcoming year

These dates will be included in the Parent Engagement Calendar on the LHS website

Parent Council Meeting dates:

- Tuesday 7th November 2023
- Tuesday 12th December 2023
- Tuesday 23rd January 2024 (AGM + Meeting)
- Tuesday 5th March 2024
- Tuesday 23rd April 2024
- Tuesday 28th May 2024
- Tuesday 18th June 2024

Fundraising:

Aim is to help fund a sporting project to help establish a unified Campus which also has community benefit.

A provisional quote of £32,000 has been received for the provision of a Basketball Court.

Other possibilities include a running track

Different avenues to be explored – Retailers (donate as you shop), Supermarket Bag Pack, Directly approach local Businesses, Foundation Scotland, Refreshments (Tea+Coffee) at different events such as Dance Platform shows etc.

Different individuals have taken on the task of moving each area forward

LHS Heads-Up! – a request for help with fundraising to be included

Parent Council Facebook Page:

Many parents don't know this page exists.

Agreed to shut down this page as it is no longer required

Unify with the school and post on the LHS Facebook page / Website

AOB:

Christmas Dance – Backdrop design & production of for Christmas photos at the dances. AB has kindly offered to move this forward with the pupils. Parent Council will help fund materials

S6 Assembly Times – Tutor Support / Subject time. Generally pick which has less impact & rotate across Tutor Support so same classes not impacted

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 7th November 2023 7pm LHS

Meeting room @ LHS