

PC Minutes – 19th Sept 23

Attendees: Gillian McLaughlin / Tracey Martin/ Joanne Gilfinnan / Louise Bent / / Margaret Laird/ Kirsty Wilson/ Louise Mackie/ Sandra Watson / Melanie Devine -Vernon

Andy Carmichael (Councillor)

Apologise: Jonathan Lyons / Angela Donnelly / Sarah Henderson / Pauline McGillivray / Sarah Henderson

Lesley McDonald (councillor)

AGM

The constitution was not read out as we agreed that this would be emailed to everyone to look through. Within the constitution it is noted if members of the PC haven't attended mtg with the term, we ask that you contact myself to let me know. There 3 roles Chair / Secretary & Treasurer were discussed on who wanted to stay in the role / role be replaced. The voting was done as follows...

Secretary - Tracey Martin no longer Secretary as Daughter moved to HS – Melanie Devine-Vernon will take this role over (Tracey will work with Melanie to ensure a smooth transition)

Chair – Louise Mackie – Happy to stay in the role and also happy to give up should anyone like to take up the opportunity as Chair. No takers so Louise will stay in role. – PC agreed on this.

Treasurer – Pauline McGillivray will continue in this role for this year only as her daughter moved to HS next year. Joanne Gilfiffan will work along side Pauline this year into next to shadow her and then take over the Treasurer role from 2024. PC agreed on this.

HT Update:

SCHOOL ROLL/STAFFING

School roll at present is 84

Class configuration 4 classes. P1/2 10/8 (18) P2/3 5/17 (22) P4/5 9/13 (22) P6/7 10/12 (22)

Full staffing compliment of 5.8FTE

HMI REPORT

Report was published on Tuesday 12 September. Happy to take comments of questions regarding this.

AREAS IDENTIFIED FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING NEXT SESSION

- To raise attainment in Literacy and specifically in Writing by implementing new writings approaches.
- Review and begin to develop interdisciplinary planning across early, first and second level.
- To develop a community of faith and learning.

PRIMARY 7 TIES

I would like to introduce a Primary 7 tie. Material for Parent Council to see.

OCT – DECMEBER NEWSLETTER

Finalising newsletter to go out next week – Halloween arrangements to be confirmed with PC
Christmas Panto – Can PC contribute £180 towards ticket prices? School will pay for the bus and provide snacks. Christmas Parties – Party food/gifts? Christmas Coffee Morning – Fundraising Ideas

PB BUDGET

Parent volunteers needed.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT FUNDING

£649 for Outdoor storage

Treasurer report

Start of the year balance of **1583.07**

Raised and income of £706.33.

Spent £964.93

Balance

Added to existing balance from previous year, gives us a final balance at the **year-end £1324.47** carried forward to the new financial year beginning 1st August.

Therefore, current balance £1324.47 however expecting grant money of £250 (cheque) to be added from Larkhall Community Council Micro Grant

Total Balance: £1574.47

Councillors update:

Changes to the Education board – Carole McKenzie is the new Executive Director of Education Resources from June 23. Carol was a former Primary Head Teacher and became a member of the Education Resources management team as Head of Education in October 2015.

Consultation will start with other schools in Larkhall on catchment areas.

New housing strategy 24-29. 2000 additional new homes will be built in South Lanarkshire, Larkhall is included. There are 4 sites for Larkhall included as a **Proposal**. 1. McWhirters old folk's home. 15 units for people with special needs / Elderly. 2. Old courtyard, 15 units. 3. Grier place, 40 units. 4. Meadow hill, 20 units. The developers will be South Lanarkshire council / West of Scotland housing & link housing. In total for Larkhall 90 units.

Proposed Upgrade M74 Slip Road – Work starting Jan 24. 2.1 million for upgrade & lights.

2 new Restaurants in Larkahall – Shanghai Oriental, now open. Where the old RBS was.

Everest Inn Opening November. Where the old Machan Volts was

Leisure Centre. Awaiting update on the recent closer of the Halls within leisure centre.

Councillor Carmichael attended a presentation on Community pay back team. The work that they do is amazing. Andy has arranged for someone to contact Mrs McLaughlin. They will come to the school and look out a project Mrs McLaughlin has in mind they will help design / supply manpower etc. School needs to supply the materials.

AOB

Melanie had contacted South Lanarkshire council about the Whitelaws bus that stops at the shop at the end of the road making it difficult for everyone coming from St.Marys driving / crossing the road as well as people getting off the bus. Got some replies and agreed to monitor the road when schools returned, however this didn't happen, around the end of Sept Melanie got a reply from Colin Smith Engineering Officer Traffic & Transportation section of SLC stating he anticipated getting back to her with an update the next week. Awaiting update.

Melanie to do a letter on what the PC do to encourage new parents to join and what is involved.

Halloween Disco 30th October. Tracey has booked the Let from 6 – 8:30 to allow time to set up the hall. The disco will be from 6:30 – 7:45. Flyer to be agreed. Pauline may have one from previous years.

Christmas Panto – HS looking for £180 from PC for Bus. PC Agreed

Christmas Coffee morning – 8th Dec looking for donation of Christmas food. / PC to arrange a Christmas raffle at coffee morning.

Christmas Carol Service – 21st Dec in the church as there won't be any nativity.

£250 Cheque from Larkhall Community Council Micro Grant now past to Pauline to bank. This is to go towards ne shed for outdoor activities. If a thank you can be arranged from the school.

Stephanie Farrell attended the PC mtg to discuss tartan uniform that she bought from Scot crest Hamilton. The Tartan pinafore is not part of the St.Marys Larkhall uniform, however Mrs McLaughlin is happy to take this to the wider parent forum to get their views. Discuss at next PC mtg.

PC for 2023 /2024

14th Nov 23

16th Jan 24

12th March 24

7th May 24

11th June 24