

Lornhill Academy Parent Council
Annual General Meeting
Thursday 24th June 2019

Present

Helen McNaught, Linsey Ferguson, Lynne Dougan, Audrey Pirie, Will Hensman, Gillian Goodwin, Laurie Mooney, Tom Black

Apologies

Kev Martin, Laura Shaw, Alisdair Fleck, Christine McGregor, Pamela Cowan, Gaynor Westland

Welcome

HMc chaired the meeting in KM's absence and thanked everyone for attending. She also thanked those who have helped her in her position as interim Chair throughout the year.

Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

- The Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate account.
- Kev has decided to step down as Chair but will attend the meetings if he feels able. HMc extended thanks on behalf of the PC to Kev for all his hard work during his time as Chair.
- The extra Inservice days that were mentioned at the last meeting will be on Tuesday 20th August and Friday 1st May.

PC Annual Report/Updates

HMc highlighted several positive areas for the PC in its partnership with the school this past year:-

- Parental Engagement/Consultation
- Budget Consultation
- Relationship with Alloa and Alva Parent Councils
- New PC members
(see Chairperson's Report previously attached)

School/HT Updates

- TB thanked everyone for their input this year.
- The go ahead has been given for the TV wall to be installed in the Hub area to play music/messages etc
- The school is hoping to become a Communication Friendly school particularly for those with language difficulties. To achieve this, it is hoped that signage in key areas and corridors can be improved/installed.
- More tables and chairs are being added to the café area to encourage pupils to stay and study after school.
- Prowise Interactive screens are being introduced to some of the classrooms.
- **Staffing** - Miss Howie (Home Economics) has moved on to another school. This department now only has Ms Farrell remaining at 0.6FTE. No appointment has been made but the school has agreed a PT appointment in principle.

English department is still short of staff. Mrs Meldrum and Mrs McGrouther will both decide by the end of term if they will return to their positions after their extended absences.

6 probationers have been secured for next session:-

- Danielle Brown - Business Education
- Paul Manuel - PE
- Victoria Grey - PE
- David Ross - Geography
- Fiona Williams - Physics
- James McGillvray

Claire Pratt and Sorcha Imrie will both return from Maternity Leave.

Claire Hughes has been appointed in Art and Design.

Luke Mitchell will remain in Biology (PEF funded).

Lisa Scullion (History) is moving to the Learning Centre.

- The focus this year for the school will be :-
Curriculum Development Pathways - trying to provide a variety of courses, not all of which will involve taking exams, to include all pupils and abilities.
Impact on Pupils - development of Assessment for Learning Strategies in the classroom.
Attainment
- Parliament - several important topics have been discussed this year including Anti-Bullying, Men's Mental Health and Nutrition. A survey after the Nutrition debate indicated that 63% of pupils were not happy with the choices on offer from the school canteen. As a result, a Baguette bar is being set up to give more healthy options and in an attempt to be more eco friendly, plates and cutlery rather than the disposable boxes/plates that are used at the moment will also be introduced.
- School Budget - the school came in under budget this year and the savings made will be used to support various departments.
- Prizegiving/School Show/P7 Transition - all of these events went very well.

Treasurer's Update

- The cheques from Clacks Council for 2017/18 or 2018/2019 have still not been received. This matter is in hand.
- TB has requested some funding to help set up a school uniform 'swap shop' in the school. Pupils can go discreetly and exchange old uniform for bigger sizes. It is also hoped that some items will be donated.

Constitution Approval

The constitution will be reviewed at the 2nd meeting next session.

Appointment of Office Bearers

Chair	Helen McNaught	(nom. Will Hensman, 2 nd Gillian Goodwin)
Vice Chair	Will Hensman	(nom. Lynne Dougan, 2 nd Gillian Goodwin)
Treasurer	Laurie Mooney / Gillian Goodwin (cover)	(nom. Linsey Ferguson, 2 nd Lynne Dougan)

Linsey Ferguson agreed to continue as Secretary

Audrey Pirie agreed to continue as Communication/Social Media Person

AOB

Nothing raised

Dates of 2019/2020 Meetings

Thursday continues to be the evening that most members are available to attend meetings.

The following are the proposed dates for next session:-

Thursday 29th August - Informal in the Café

Thursday 26th September

Thursday 14th November

Thursday 16th January

Thursday 5th March

Thursday 30th April

Thursday 28th May

HMc thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.