



Lornshill Academy Parent Council Meeting

Thursday 5th March 2020

Present:

Helen McNaught (HMcN), Linsey Ferguson (LF), Laura Shaw, (LS), Will Hensman (WH), Christine McGregor (CMcG), Audrey Pirie (AP), Alistair Frew (AF), Gaynor Westland (GW), Dorothy Westland (DW), Caroline Muir (CM), Kirsty Swanson (KS).

Tom Black (TB) HT

Apologies

Pamela Cowan, Karen McCabe, Aileen Lindsay, Fiona Hughes, Gillian Goodwin, Laura Shaw

Welcome

HMc opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate account.

PC Updates

- HMc and WH attended the Joint Parental Forum Meeting on 21st January. The discussion was mainly around the Budget Consultation Process and how resources can be used more efficiently to save money. Devolved budgets for schools were also discussed.
- The Alva Academy Parent Council Chairperson has sent an email to Lorraine Sanda to invite her to the Parent Consultation Meeting which is proposed to be in Alva Academy on 31st March and will be hosted by Alva Academy PC. A survey will go out to all parents in Clackmannanshire asking for their views and input about the education budget.

School/HT Updates

- Progress App: Mr Clancy is in the process of finding out why parents are not receiving notifications when changes are made to their child's report. There will be a consultation with the PC at the end of the session to get feedback.
- The PC will have a section in the next school newsletter.
- Uniform Swap: Mrs McMaihin (DHT) would like to come along to one of the PC meetings to talk about uniform. AP will post about the Uniform Swap on Twitter to encourage donations of old uniforms.
- Easter Study: SMT are still waiting to hear which teachers will volunteer for this. Master classes will be held a few days before each exam.
- Prelim Feedback: the school is proposing that pupils sitting less than 3 x Nat 5s, will not be allowed study leave. There will also be areas available in classrooms to encourage young people to sit and study more in school.
- S1 Parents' Evening: 78% attendance was recorded.
- Anthony Nolan Trust: a representative recently visited the school and gave a talk to S6s about what the Trust does. 30 S6s signed up to register.

- S1 – S2 Transitions; to support academic progress in Maths, Languages, Social Subjects and Science there will be a change of classes for the present S1 moving into S2. There will be a mix of Top – Middle abilities and a mix of Middle – Lower abilities rather than a mix of all abilities per class.
- Primary 7 Transitions: to assist with transitions, Mr Clancy has been to visit most of the primary schools in the Lornshill cluster to get an overview of abilities.
- Staffing: recent appointments include;
 - PE Victoria Gray
 - Geography David Ross
 - Art & Design Chloe Hughes (retained)
 - English no appointment following interviewees
 - Technology 4 applicants for interview
 - Home Ec 1 applicant.
 - Probationers: request made for 2xMaths, 2xEnglish, 1xScience, 1xHome Economics

Treasurer's Update

- Balance £2449.72. Teachers' wish list has been done. TB to email to HMc.

Promoting Lornshill

- There are lots of positive activities and achievements within school. These are currently reported to parents via the Twitter and the quarterly newsletter; but is everyone reading it?
- TB asked for ideas as to what can be done to better promote Lornshill.

Maximising Change/Attainment Update

- St Serf's Primary and Lornshill have been invited to take part in the Maximising Impact Board pilot. Professor Chris Chapman will lead the study along with Mel Ainsco.
- Target areas to work on next year have been set:-
 - Differentiation and Progress; meeting the needs of young people to speed up learning and progress
 - Behaviour Management; a Multi-Agency Action Team made up of Police, Health and School will hold weekly meetings to discuss how they can give help to the young people who need it most.

Curriculum Realisation

- As part of the Transformational Change / using Resources effectively there has been discussion within the school around aligning the school day. The staff consultation on this closed on Tuesday. There was a 97% positive response to the proposed changes to the school week. TB presented a draft of the proposed new school day/week to PC.
- Young people would travel between the 3 high schools via mini bus to access various subjects.
- TB would like more parental views on the use of Digital Technology to take back to Clacks Council Education meeting.

AOB

- HMc asked for any outstanding business to be forwarded to her by email. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 30th April 2020.