

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Longniddry Primary School Parent Council Meeting</u> <u>30th August 2017</u></p> <p><u>Present:</u> Ross Boyce (Chair), Sheona Skinner (Head Teacher), Stephanie MacFadyen (PT), Esther Hurrell (Nursery am), Gemma Luke (P1), Joanne Chatwin (P3), Joan Fairfull (P6), Cllr Lachlan Bruce, Veronica Brown (Clerk)</p> <p><u>Apologies:</u> Alan McNeill, Lynn Kemp, Katie Medlam, Claire Verri, Cllr Willie Innes, Cllr Neil Gilbert, Cllr Fiona O'Donnell</p>	Action
1	<p><u>Matters Arising / Minutes of Last Meeting</u> Approval of the minutes as being a true reflection of the previous meeting on 26th April 2017.</p> <p>Proposed: Ross Boyce Seconded: Gemma Luke</p> <p>The Astroturf was discussed as this was a point to follow up from the AGM meeting. Cllr Bruce has been in touch with the council however they have no ownership and he is still following this up will let us know of any progress.</p>	LB
2	<p><u>Head Teacher Report</u></p> <p>A happy positive start to the new academic year, the P1 are settling in really well with a full day from day one. The feedback was that they have been brilliant. The roll is 237 pupils including nursery. There were 15 new starts for nursery with the morning full. Afternoon still has spaces to be filled throughout the year.</p> <p>There have been some staffing changes with the Deputy Head Teacher post still vacant. Miss Linton has been covering for the DHT and Miss Hicks has settled in well.</p> <p>Sheona will look into different options for Mrs Monteith' Support for learning post in August.</p> <p>The P4 toilets were refurbished however there were a few problems during the first week, but these were quickly resolved, this will be included in the ELC budget for next year.</p> <p>Loch Insh camp was very successful and will be booked again for P6 in April and P7 in May.</p> <p>There will be a taster session or Curriculum evening on 16th October. The idea is to move around the classrooms with different talks or workshops. The School nursery is coming to talk about their role and Active Schools is coming too. Preston Lodge will send Gavin Clark to talk about what they are offering. The students are also involved sharing their visions/values/aims presentation and Miss Skinner talked about how they are keen to give them more power and responsibilities because the pupils have shown that they are capable and can do it.</p> <p>There is a new lunch menu, which was discussed.</p> <p>The Area Partnership have meetings coming up and the Parent Council members were encouraged to attend.</p>	SS

	<p>The Scottish Government's Education Governance: Fair Funding to Achieve Excellence and Equity is a consultation open to the public. It focuses on influencing policy in relation to educational governance and future approaches to school funding. RB mentioned that Longniddry is unfairly hit by this because it is not in a deprived area which impacts on budget. Also it doesn't take into account individual circumstances. The consultation closes on 22 September 2017 for responses.</p> <p>There has also been Emotionworks training where a classroom assistant can target smaller groups. This is in relation to PEF (Pupil Equity Funding) project which is provided to all Schools by the Scottish Government to help reduce poverty related attainment gaps throughout Scotland. The money received would be used to buy resources and courses for staff and this was approved by the Parent Council. Sheona said this is something that will benefit all and that it was really interesting. Ross also said to add mindfulness and build resilience would benefit in the long run.</p>	
3	<p><u>Chair's Report</u> The Recruitment and Selection training is on Monday 4th September and RB encouraged the Parent Members to take part. Trained at the moment are Alan, Ross and Gemma. Gemma mentioned that it's really interesting and you get to do proper interviews at the training.</p>	
4	<p><u>Treasurer's Report</u> Current Parent Council balance is about £3,600 with Hoodies and Bags still to be paid for. There are no upcoming expenses at the moment.</p> <p>Sheona however mentioned that a future expense which could be considered substantial is the interactive whiteboards together with Google Chrome books. Sheona will double check with East Lothian Council as they should cover this. There are two whiteboards that will need replaced soon and there are some problems with the notebooks the students currently have. Also, the Subscription is up for renewal for the notebooks. However if it's possible to replace them soon it doesn't make sense to pay a 3 year fee. There needs to be a procurement proposal completed and Sheona will look into this. Ross mentioned that it could be an idea to sign up for a flash-based programme, which is classroom based.</p> <p>Sheona mentioned the Generation Science workshop which is £250. It received great feedback the students really enjoyed it and would be happy to do it again.</p> <p>Enhancement to the playground was discussed, as some of the paint is fading and the surfaces are coming away. Gemma mentioned that the parents could do this themselves with just stencils which also promotes outdoor learning. The Parent members thought that was a great idea and Ross asked if this could be approved, and the parent council approved it.</p> <p>The sandpit was also discussed as some older children are using it when it should be pre-schoolers.</p>	SS SS
5	<p><u>Year Stage Issues</u> Nursery am – no issues raised Nursery pm – no issues raised P1 – Positive feedback for the new starts, smooth transition and the children have settled in well going from 2 Teachers to only 1. The lunch menu was discussed where if and option</p>	

	<p>was gluten free, the meatballs were however not the pasta. Sheona said that gluten free option needs to be ordered in advance so the kitchen can supplement ingredients to suit.</p> <p>P2 – no issues raised</p> <p>P2/3 – no issues raised</p> <p>P3 – Golden time was discussed as some pupils have really missed having it. This was taken away because it might not be an appropriate behavioural consequence. The students suggested having “a hat of shame” instead. Also mentioned was “star of the week” where an Oscar statue could be an incentive. Sheona said that a behaviour policy will be in by October break and the parents will be invited to have a say in this.</p> <p>P3 – no issues raised</p> <p>P4 – no issues raised</p> <p>P5 – no issues raised</p> <p>P6 – The slot drain needs cleared out and Sheona said this comes from the maintenance budget and will get someone out to do this. Also want to know what will happen to Mrs Monteith’s post. Sheona said that it will not be replaced however will have a Support for learning Teacher instead. It’s important to get the balance right for kids with additional support needs and don’t want to single out pupils having to leave the classroom for extra teaching time. The Teacher’s know who the pupils are with additional needs and extra support in the classroom will help with early intervention.</p> <p>P7 – Really liked the green jumpers, thank you.</p>	SS
6	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Winter wonderland will be on Saturday 2nd December.</p> <p>Parent Council subgroup will meet at Ross house 21st September.</p> <p>Cllr Gilbert has more tickets for Musselburgh races and it was discussed how best to sell them. Online raffle was mentioned and could also be sold at the Curriculum evening on the 16th October.</p>	
7	<p><u>Dates of Next Meetings</u></p> <p>Parent Council meeting 4th October</p> <p>Area Partnership Annual Public meeting 13th September</p>	