

Longniddry Primary School, Parent Council AGM

Tuesday 14th June 2016 7pm

Music Room

Present : Ross Boyce (RB) Chair, Alan McNeil (AMc) Vice Chair, Lynn Kemp (LK) Treasurer, Joanne Chatwin (JC), Claire McNaughton (CMc), Wendy Craig (WC) , Gemma Luke, Sheona Skinner (HT), Sarah Morgan (DHT), Katie Barron, clerk (KB)
Apologies: Cllr Willie Innes, Cllr Peter McKenzie, Lorraine Towers

1. The minutes from last years AGM were Approved.
2. The HT delivered her annual report: Highlights included:
 - It has been a happy, successful year and collectively the staff are proud of all achievements across the school and the support shown by both the Parent Council and the wider parent body
 - Health Week in June was a major success and there is discussion about keeping it as an annual event across the school. Many musical achievements across the school, Children's trips to camp were a success and great improvements to the playground supported by the Parent Council
 - The nursery was inspected by the Care Inspectorate and achieved ratings, which the staffing team were proud of:
 - Quality of Care & Support: Excellent
 - Quality of Environment: Very Good
 - Quality of Staffing: Very Good
 - Quality of Management & Leadership: Excellent
 - 8 classes in session 16/17 as follows; P1, P1/2, P2, P3, P4, P5, p6, P7. Staffing for these is still in progress
 - Following a self evaluation session it has been decided that 'Health & Wellbeing' will be a focus for the school's development plan this session

3. RB delivered his Chair's report:

It's been a slightly mixed year for the PC, we've been happy to fund the new sandpit and several other things for the school which are obviously good news and we've also experienced lower attendance numbers at the school fayre and a few unfavourable comments in the parental consultation exercise earlier in the year.

Now obviously the fayre coincided with a football tournament and frequently with surveys those who are happy with the state of affairs don't comment but we should still consider this feedback. Parents will shortly be issued a specific Longniddry survey probing our own issues. All feedback and suggestions are welcome, especially about the events we are involved in as we want to maximise the funds we raise for the school while also engaging as much of the school community as we can.

I'm happy to note that our new treasurer has managed to track down the famous Mr Onions and he has cancelled his standing order and gifted the balance to the PC, meaning we can close the 1995 club account and bring that balance into our main funds.

Welcome to the people who have joined us over the year - Lynne and Katie our treasurer and Clerk respectively, I know they've both done a lot behind the scenes tidying up our accounts and admin so a huge thanks to them.

I believe we are losing a member or two this evening and to them I'd like to say thanks for their service and time. Thanks go to Lorraine, Wendy and Claire.

To the remaining PC, thanks also for your time over the past year, we're not warned how much time this takes up, especially around events, and all of the PC have contributed so again, huge thanks to all.

And finally, the largest thanks go to Sheona and the staff, we know you work tirelessly for the school, often going over and above the call of duty. You've created a school with a positive environment where both academic and personal development are promoted and it's great to see the pupils flourish

4. Closing balance of the Parent Council account was: £1,738.93 . There is also another £900.00 to be added to this from a dormant account. LK has signatory on account now together with RB & AMc. After discussion, The council decided that a cover for the sandpit would be purchased in advance of the summer break from these funds and LK to liaise with SS & SM to raise cheque.

5. SS noted the budget for the school, is on track and discussion surrounding how the Parent Council could support the school with purchase of resources. Some ideas included: further improvements to the playgrounds and health and wellbeing resources to support the school's development plan. Further reflection and discussion to be had at next meeting when session resumes. LK mentioned her employer participates in a volunteer community rep programme that could assist the school with varying jobs that need done. Discussions took place and ideas muted included further bike racks, benches and fences to be painted. LK to liaise directly with SS regarding suitable ideas / dates

6. Nominations took place as follows:
 - RB to remain as Chair
 - AMc to remain as Vice Chair
 - LK to remain as Treasurer
 - Nursery AM – Gemma Luke
 - Nursery PM – Vacant PC to advertise
 - P1 – Lynne Kemp
 - P1/2: - Vacant PC to advertise
 - P2: Joanne Chatwin
 - P3: Ross Boyce (Chair)
 - P4: Claire Verri
 - P5: Joan Fairfull
 - P6: Alan McNeil
 - P7: Jim Duffy (RB to check he is happy to proceed)

7. AOB: RB noted the feedback from the wider parent body regarding the Race for Life and Health Week has been both amazing and inspiring for all involved so big thanks and well done to the staffing team. SS responded to say that Friendship Fridays are still hoping to continue into Session 16/17 and possible Fruity Friday's

Query over Eye tests for Nursery children was raised. SS to clarify and revert

Question surrounding May Holiday and how it doesn't fall on the bank holiday can make it difficult for working parents. SS advised the parent council to engage in the consultation when the local authority makes provisional dates as they are not set by the school

Big thanks to Wendy Craig, Claire McNaughton and Lorraine Towers for all their hard work on the parent council over the years. They will be missed. Also welcome to our new members too.

Dates for next years meetings were set as follows: all to be held at 7pm in the Music Room at Longniddry Primary School, clerk to make the formal lets

Wednesday 31st August

Wednesday 5th October

Wednesday 23rd November

Wednesday 18th January

Wednesday 22nd February

Wednesday 26th April

Wednesday 14th June (AGM)

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 31st August