

| <u>Longniddry Primary School Parent Council Meeting</u> <u>1st May 2019</u> | | |
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| | <p><u>Present:</u> Joan Fairfull (Acting Chair), Caroline Gardiner (P1), Gemma Luke (P2/3), Suzanne Low (P3/4), Lynne Bowers (P5)</p> <p><u>In Attendance:</u> Sheona Skinner (Head Teacher), Cllr Fiona O'Donnell, Cllr Neil Gilbert, Veronica Brown (Clerk)</p> <p><u>Apologies:</u> Claire Verri, Joanne Chatwin, Lynn Kemp, Esther Hurrell, Jenny Sully, Katie Medlam, Stephanie MacFadyen</p> | Action |
| 1 | <p><u>Minutes and Actions from the last meeting</u></p> <p>Joan welcomed everyone to the meeting. She was unanimously chosen to be the acting chairperson. Apologies as above.</p> <p>Joan will take photos of all the Parent Council (PC) members at the AGM.</p> <p>Miss Skinner discussed with Parent Council Members potential changes to report cards and parent consultation for 2019/20. Pros and cons were discussed and Miss Skinner will make the amendments and go ahead with the trial period for the next session 2019/20.</p> <p>The Easter bunny drive was cancelled due to not enough tickets sold to cover the costs. It had been advertised in the newsletter as well as emailed to all parents so just unfortunate.</p> <p>Claire is still looking into the questions for the PC survey and Jenny is still looking into the Easy fundraising for Amazon fundraising.</p> <p>Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting on 13th March 2019.</p> <p>Proposed: Gemma Seconded: Suzanne</p> | <p>JF</p> <p>SS</p> <p>CV JS</p> |
| 2 | <p><u>Head Teacher Update</u></p> <p>Planning is underway for the 2019/20 session in August. Miss Skinner is still waiting for the final numbers for P1 with out of catchment pupil's appeals being looked at by ELC.</p> <p>Budget efficiencies were discussed, as this continues to be very challenging. Budget reductions impact on resources and classroom assistant and support time. This is a real concern since it directly affects the pupils learning.</p> <p>The School Improvement Plan (SIP) for 2019/20 will be circulated once finalised. The children have also been involved in writing a 'child friendly' version again. It is hoped the RRS group will come along to share it at the AGM on 5th June. The highlights are; Literacy, Numeracy, Attainment and STEM. It also includes the new policy about sexual health and parenthood that will be presented to all parents at some point.</p> <p>An email about the School pay system was circulated from ELC to highlight the cost saving. It only costs 20 pence per pupil in admin compared to £8 to process cheques and cash. The PC members offered to help promote it and perhaps even show other parents how to use it? Cllr Gilbert suggested setting a deadline for cheques to be handled to either pay with</p> | |

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| | <p>cash or online. The P1 induction will highlight the benefits of signing up for it.</p> <p>Miss Skinner also said that the school has a duty to provide lunch for the pupils regardless if they have paid or not and they will not be penalised for having lunch monies in arrears.</p> <p>Parents have asked about the PVG check to help out in school and there are only a small number so the school will cover this.</p> | |
| 3 | <p><u>Chair Update</u></p> <p>This was carried forward to the next meeting.</p> | |
| 4 | <p><u>Treasurer Update</u></p> <p>The Parent Council Bank balance as of 1st May 2019 is £3851.08.</p> <p>There is about £1800 left in the bank after the planned expenditures and it was asked that a buffer of £1000 is available for unforeseen expenses.</p> <p>The Playground markings have been done and they will also come and make any repairs needed. Miss Skinner will speak to Lynn to organise payment for this.</p> | SS |
| 5 | <p><u>Future Fundraising Ideas</u></p> <p>The suggested Afternoon tea on the 14th June will not go ahead this time. Parents can come in and serve juice after sports day and tea and coffee if they want instead.</p> <p>The Autumn Fayre will be held on Saturday 28th September. Details to be discussed at the next meeting in August. It was decided not to renew the trader's licence for this occasion, as it would take away from any profit made.</p> | |
| 6 | <p><u>Year Stage Queries</u></p> <p>Nursery pm – Parent question about if the “Poo bags in a bottle” initiative could be done in school as a project? Miss Skinner said it fits in with STEM and recycling topics next session and will forward it to the Right Respecting group to action.</p> <p>Nursery am – Parents are asking when the deadline is for appealing the P1 school roll decision? Miss Skinner said that the local authority decides this and all the out of catchment places were refused. The details of how to appeal are on the letter sent by ELC to the parents this applies to.</p> <p>P1 – Parents are asking if there is a reason that the pupils are not going inside straight away when the bell rings in the morning? Miss Skinner will look into it, as there shouldn't be a delay.</p> <p>P1/2 – There was none.</p> <p>P2/3 – Parents are asking what the school preferred communication is. Miss Skinner said that twitter is the main forum for sharing photos and the school website is used for general school information. Also a newsletter is emailed out to all parents. A school app was discussed as this has been highlighted in the past and more parents are asking for something accessible that holds all info. Miss Skinner is keen to explore the app and will speak to a nearby Primary School where it is up and running. The PC is happy to fund this. The PC also expressed their support in funding one tablet per class along with upgrading the whiteboards. It was however suggested approaching local businesses to seek their</p> | <p>SS</p> <p>SS</p> <p>SS</p> |

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| | <p>support as well, to split the cost.</p> <p>P3/4 – There was none.</p> <p>P4 – There was none.</p> <p>P5 – There was none.</p> <p>P6 – Miss Skinner said that the pupils were a delight to take to Loch Inch. A pleasure to spend time with them.</p> <p>P7 – Parent query about the Accelerated Reader (AR) targets. Who sets these targets and what are they used for? Miss Skinner said that it helps giving them a reading age and it gets converted into a banding of what levels they read for their ability and age. The point system and recognition for one million words is also thought to help motivate reading. Miss Skinner will look into it to ensure that the books are appropriate to their level.</p> | SS |
| 7 | <p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>A question was raised about an additional swimming slot for P4's. Miss Skinner said that this was just a misunderstanding as the teacher had gone to a different venue and it shouldn't happen again. There would be no more added swimming this session.</p> <p>Cllr Gilbert mentioned about Flexi Schooling that keeps growing for both Primary schools and Secondary schools. The pupils can choose to have part of their education as self-education, either in the morning or afternoon. The ELC policy says no to home schooling at the moment, however if they are getting demands, then they could revisit it. Parents opting out of the curriculum and working part time and self-educating at home part time is getting more popular.</p> <p>The 1140 hours for Nursery children are coming into effect from January 2020.</p> <p>Cllr Gilbert gave an update on the new housing being built.</p> <p>Traffic was discussed where the speed limit of the road by the beach could be calmed for safe crossing. At the moment the national speed of 60 applies. Cllr O'Donnell suggested that drivers should change their habits through speed awareness by for example staying in third gear.</p> | |
| | <p><u>Dates of Next Meetings</u></p> <p>The next Parent Council meeting is the AGM and it is being held on 5th June 2019 at 7pm.</p> | |