

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Longniddry Primary School Parent Council Meeting</u> <u>30th October 2019</u></p> <p><u>Present:</u> Lynn Kemp (Treasurer), Jenny Sully P1, Claire Blake (P2/3), Gemma Luke (P3/4), Suzanne Low P4/5, Joanne Chatwin P5, Lynne Bowers (P6), Wendy Craig (P7)</p> <p><u>In Attendance:</u> Sheona Skinner (Head Teacher), Stephanie MacFadyen, Veronica Brown (Clerk)</p> <p><u>Apologies:</u> Cllr Neil Gilbert, Cllr Lachlan Bruce, Cllr Fiona O'Donnell, Katie Medlam, Caroline Gardiner, Leanne Van Rietvelde</p>	Action
1	<p><u>Minutes and Actions from the last meeting</u></p> <p>Lynn Kemp volunteered to be the chair person for the meeting and welcomed everyone. Special welcome to the new class reps Claire Blake (P2/3) and Wendy Craig (P7). Apologies as above includes Leanne Van Rietvelde, who is the new Nursery pm class rep.</p> <p>Miss Skinner has sorted out the bike rack situation and two new bike racks will be ordered soon. Thanks very much to the Longniddry Community Council, who are paying for them.</p> <p>The possible wasp nest has been investigated.</p> <p>Miss Skinner has spoken to the Council's Property Maintenance about the tarmac in the P6/7 area and they have agreed to come in to assess the surface and to do an industrial sweep to level the ground and clear excess debris.</p> <p>Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting on 30th October 2019</p> <p>Proposed: Joanne Seconded: Lynne</p>	
2	<p><u>Head Teacher Update</u></p> <p>The Care Inspectorate has just been to the school for a visit to the Nursery and the feedback was very positive. The final report will be published in due course.</p> <p>All schools in East Lothian will have a review by end December 2019. A team of Quality Improvement Officers (QIO) Head teachers and Educational psychologists visit school for three days to observe the teaching and learning, talk to pupils and parents and the staff and school management team. A report is then written and published on school website.</p> <p><u>Staffing:</u> There have been some recent staffing challenges resulting in the management team supporting classes and individual pupils. This has impacted on the wider support to the school.</p> <p>Mrs Reynolds is retiring from the Nursery. She has worked at the school for a long time and will be sadly missed. The PC members approved £100 gift voucher as a thank you. Her post has been advertised and there were a number of applications for the temporary Nursery post, which is very positive. The interviews are being held next week.</p> <p><u>Budget:</u> Council budgets continue to be stretched with efficiency savings needing to be met. A public budget consultation will be opened in the new year with people able to contribute</p>	SS

	<p>their thoughts as to how the wider council budget should be spent.</p> <p>The PC members are keen to pay for things in the school and purchase resources wherever needed and to fundraise more if needed. Miss Skinner thanked the PC members for their support.</p> <p>Nursery is rolling out the new 1140 hours model in August 2020. As of yet, the model has not been agreed on for Longniddry. Parents and staff will be consulted.</p> <p>The enrolments for the next session 2020/21 has started and it will be clearer in April/May time what the class structures will look like.</p>	
3	<p><u>Feedback from the autumn fayre</u></p> <p>The Autumn Fayre was a great success raising £1700 in total. Erin Ramsay has been chosen to switch on the Christmas lights.</p> <p>Feedback was that it worked really well to have it in the hall. It was better to have it in the Autumn because it clashed with fewer things than at Christmas time.</p> <p>The glitter and tattoos were very popular so for next year, have separate tables for them instead. Also, it takes a long time to do face painting for little return. It was suggested we have more face painters if possible but this is dependant on volunteers.</p> <p>Some missed having a BBQ which usually makes lots of money. For next time, the PC members will see if they can source someone with a food hygiene certificate to do it.</p> <p>As always it can be difficult to get volunteers to help on the day. How to get more volunteers to sign up was discussed and Miss Skinner suggested utilising the P7, who can be extra volunteers on the stalls and do 15 min each.</p>	
4	<p><u>Changes to school catchment (Gemma Luke)</u></p> <p>East Lothian Council are reviewing the school catchments with the new school being built at Blindwells and the new developments around the area. There are also new schools in Musselburgh and Newcraighall and they are reviewing and looking at all of them, including the school estate Letham Mains and catchments for the secondary schools. At the moment Miss Skinner is not aware of any impact this will have on Longniddry.</p>	
5	<p><u>Future fundraising ideas</u></p> <p>Future fundraising ideas were discussed eg ecological products, canvas bags and tea towels. It can have different colours and info on cups, tea towel, canvas bag etc. It is a nice personalised thing for the kids to keep and the PC can even make a little profit. One tea towel can have 250 faces and the text, Longniddry primary school.</p> <p>With a Calendar, some pupils who are moving into the area might be missed because it runs a whole year, however the company does all layout so it is easy to do.</p> <p>Other fundraising ideas discussed were Movie night, Valentine disco and a Parents night.</p>	
6	<p><u>Year Stage Queries</u></p> <p>Nursery pm – Parent Question on when parents are likely to find out about the 1140h?</p>	

<p>Miss Skinner will send out information to all parents once decided.</p> <p>Nursery am – There was none.</p> <p>P1 – The parents asked if exposed areas can be looked at, for example the trimtrail. Miss Skinner has had the janitor confirming and highlighting which areas needs looked at. The PC members would be happy to pay for the bark chippings. Miss Skinner said that the Council can give a free quote and a company can come in to check the gym equipment because a protective surface might be better than woodchip that is more for play parks.</p> <p>The School missed the slot for the school photos so will not be done by Christmas unfortunately. The photographer will come back in the new year instead and take annual photos. New date to be organised.</p> <p>P2 – There was none.</p>	SS
<p>P2/3 – Parents are asking about plastic bottles and children being sent home with a disposable bottle. Miss Skinner will speak to the school kitchen however said that the school Cook is checking the general use of plastic in the lunches, for example plastic spoons. All pupils are entitled to a drink with their meal and in their packed lunch on a Friday, the only way to give them a drink is in a plastic bottle because cartons of milk needs to have cool storage.</p> <p>P3/4 – Parents asked school to clarify the house points for having a plastic free lunch. House points and stickers are given out by P3/4 for school dinners if they are reducing the amount of plastic packaging being brought in packed lunches. This is also awarded for plastic free school dinners.</p> <p>A parent asked for clarification if the pupils can dress up for Halloween? Miss Skinner said not this year.</p> <p>Parents are asking if there can be more info about spelling? Staff have had training on the in service day and have introduced a new spelling programme. Further info will be shared with parents once the new system is fully up and running.</p> <p>P4/5 – There was none.</p> <p>P5 – Parents have asked if children can attend parent consultations. Miss Skinner said that this isn't being planned for currently. The concern is that if there are children at the parent evening, some parents will want to make extra appointments to be able to speak to the teachers when the children are not there. There are regular opportunities for parents and children to share their learning at open mornings throughout the year.</p> <p>P6 – A question about school swimming? Miss Skinner said that there hasn't been any notifications of competition yet but teams will be entered if and when there are comps</p> <p>P7 – There was none.</p>	SS

7	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Can the meeting in January discuss a 'clothes swap' for recycling costumes for Halloween and Christmas jumpers etc. It is also World book day in January and would be good to swap old costumes. A dress swap can be a PC fundraiser for example at parent consultations in February, which would work because we can bring in costumes in January. The PC members agreed.</p> <p>A recent visit to the Church was discussed after a parent raised concern with Miss Skinner. Miss Skinner explained that in line with CfE the school tries to have a balanced approach to the teaching of religious education. It is a part of the curriculum and there are clear experiences and outcomes to be covered. There is a focus on Christianity however other religions are also taught. The content of the visit was discussed with the parent concerned and the class teacher. The parent also expressed concern about Church visits as they were not aware that this happened however these are considered to be a 'local visit' just as we would visit the library or community centre. Consideration will be given to adding this to the visit consent form letter at the beginning of the year. Information regarding visits and teaching content is shared with parents at the curriculum evening, via newsletters etc. Parents/carers have a legal right to withdraw their children from religious observance at any time. Parent Council felt that overall this was not an issue and agreed that the Church was a local resource to support teaching and learning.</p> <p>The Longniddry Gala celebrates 50 years this year and the school will look at ways in which it can take part and be involved alongside the Brownies and Guides and Rainbows. With the school celebrating the Rights Respecting Gold award, it was suggested that everyone makes a yellow and gold flag? The Nursery is in the parade already every year. Also, the stalls need volunteers. Other ideas were to imagine what Longniddry would look like in another 50 years and collect the ideas on a display somewhere. Classes could be involved in thinking about what to put in the time capsule. Engage with the wider community, for example open gardens to help involve the older people and there will be things for all different age groups. Other ideas were a Tea Party.</p> <p>Jenny will pass on info to Miss Skinner about agenda items and happenings for the gala.</p>	JS
	<p><u>Dates of Next Meetings</u></p> <p>Wednesday 15th January 2020</p>	