

MINUTES

Lairhillock Parent Council

7.30pm Tuesday 6th February 2024. via Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES

Stewart Crabb, Donagh Costello, Jaclyn Philip, Caroline Hayden, Sarah Benzie, Diane Abel, Monica Tait, Jacqueline Dewhurst, Sarah Fraser, Michelle Johnson, Jenna Patterson, Rochelle Saunders

APOLOGIES

Fran Philp

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Caroline Hayden proposed the previous set of minutes (5th December 2023) for approval.

Seconded by Jaclyn and Donagh

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Correspondences - Report from Caroline Hayden

Don's Day Out: Caroline will action a form for parents – include a poll for fixtures (Ross County on 30th March and Dundee on 13th April, all Saturday 3pm KO) and costs/ link to booking form?

Meikle Crewe: Requested some photos of where their funding allocations of the previous year have been spent. These will be included in their annual report and should be forwarded to them this week. Monica Tait has already been in contact to arrange this.

RagBag: LPS have received a certificate to celebrate raising £105 for school funds through the collection of 305kg of textiles. Caroline Hayden will circulate this through communication channels and encourage LPS to continue making use of this scheme.

HEADTEACHER'S REPORT

Head Teacher Report - Mr Stewart Crabb

- Interviews have been carried out with anticipation of new P1 teacher starting by the end of the month.
- It's been a real struggle to secure supply but Mrs Begg has been with P1 in the interim and will be leaving soon.
- It's looking like there will be 15 pupils entering p1 in August 2024. This impacts on the number of classes in LPS and is looking like 5 classes for the 2024 – 2025 academic year. This could all change with the addition of one more family between now and then.
- Just2Easy has been tested with a select number of classes so far. This is the replacement for seesaw and further training will be provided during the in-service days for remaining staff to start using.
- Plans are underway for members of the student council to gather thoughts on which charities the school will support with fundraising.
- Pupils are encouraged to share their interests and talents so that LPS can support these with more pupil led projects going forward. It is hoped this child-centred approach will ignite further excitement and enthusiasm in their learning.
- LPS vision and aims have been updated with 'TEAM' at the core (Together Everyone Achieves More). Although the school values will stay the same, they all relate directly to the TEAM ethos.
- RWI assessments have been carried out in p1-p3 and have shaped the new groups. There are now 4 literacy groups across the stages (p1-3) with literacy hour taking place every day except Tuesday.
- There are already signs of progress with the new RWI program but more training will further improve the streamlining of the new literacy approach. Online resources and book packs are currently being priced.
- Current book will continue to be sent home following further training during the in-service days.

- Reflecting on the whole school trip to the panto in December. The children of LPS were great and everyone had a super time. It is hoped we can have a repeat of this in 2024. Although questions were discussed on children bringing money to purchase interval snacks it was decided perhaps bringing their own was the best-case scenario.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report from Sarah Fraser

Winter 2023/24 Finance Report

Christmas Craft

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| Takings | Cash | £88 |
| | Bank Transfer & Sum up payments | £119.67 |
| | Total | £207.67 |

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| Expenses | £71.06 |
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| <u>Profit</u> | £136.61 |
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Elf Shelf

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| Takings | £1032.50 |
| Expenses | £536.21 |

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| <u>Profit</u> | £496.29 |
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Miscellaneous Credits

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| Waste Savers Rag Bag | (15th Jan) | £105 |
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Miscellaneous Debits

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| Account fees: | Nov | £62 |
| | Dec | £21.60 |
| P2 Bus for class trip | | £500 |
| Christmas party expenses | | £117.62 |
| Staff Christmas gifts | | £168.70 |

Holding £35 for nursery, donation given 11th October
Holding money for one bus trip per class, all but P2 still to be taken

Balance 1st February 2024

£7831.30 and £57.50 cash

Any Other Business

OOSC: LPS currently has a popular football club, a running club which is run by pupils and a new netball club running on a Monday after school. We are also exploring the possibility of opening an OOSC. There will be a survey sent out in due course to identify demand and ascertain the viability of such.

Greenspace Initiative: A request form was submitted for plants to brighten up the grounds of LPS as part of the Greenspace Initiative offered by Aberdeenshire Council to promote biodiversity. We will be contacted when they are ready for collection. It is expected that school pupils and staff will be responsible for planting them as part of their learning experiences.

Literacy Resources: The literacy resources required for the new RWI scheme will be confirmed once staff and the wider school community have received more training on the most effective delivery of the new scheme. Although online books are available, prices for physical books will be investigated.

Funding Requests: There has been a request for LPC to contribute to the school's attendance at the Balgownie running event. This has been agreed and LPC are happy to support.
Best of luck to those taking part!

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

GM Tuesday 30th April 2024

