

Lesmahagow High School Parent Council Meeting

Monday 13th May 2019, 7pm

Attendees: Wendy Russell (Chair), Lorna Laird (minutes), Tia Gallacher, Donna Kelly, Sarah Smith, Barbara Lee, Richard McGowan, Elspeth Martin, Angela Norris, Karen Hynd, Hazel Leggate, Moira Fell, Marie Cox, Alan Crooks, Philip Frame, Vicki O'Rourke, Mark Horsham (Local Councillor)

WR welcomed everyone to the Parent Council meeting

1. Approval of minutes

Approval by MF and seconded by KH.

2. Partnership Working

HT advised that a review had been carried out on the output from the Brainstorm activity which identified possible avenues to be explored to connect with all partners which includes parents and local community. Themes identified;

- Fundraising – Agree plan of action for target areas early next term and schedule specific events.
- TL completing leaflet publicising Parent Council activity which includes facebook details
- It was agreed more visibility of HT particularly with new parents would be beneficial to help create timely link with the school.
- Consider option of utilising social media more. To explore Facebook interviews with WR, HT and TL

Action

To agree actions at 2nd September for discussion/action and keep as an ongoing agenda item.

3. Litter Picking

It was advised that a group of volunteers from S1-S3 (Humanity Hero's) will be starting litter picking monthly. It was agreed that this is an on-going issue which needs to be supported.

Action

MH to check number of bins on route from school and whether Community & Enterprise could support.

4. Fundraising

BL advised that Parent Council support would be welcomed on 6th June for Young Musician of the Year. WR agreed that it would be teas, coffees and baking for sale.

Bag packing was not feasible for 25th April due to availability of volunteers primarily due to holiday weekend. KH exploring September options.

Action

Volunteers for 6th June to meet at 6.30pm.

5. Homework App

HT advised that cost of paper diaries is expensive and it was discussed the use of the Homework App to replace diary. This has received very positive feedback and has the ability to be evolved over time, cost approximately £5K. Feedback from PC was supportive after review of link and to progress.

6. Headteacher Update

HT advised that SQA exams are progressing well. Positive feedback received from Easter Study sessions. Further update to be provided at next meeting.

Mental Health First Aid training is currently being rolled out to staff and selected students which is being positively received and beneficial to school community.

Current focus is on Primary 7 transition, with further days planned for June in which pupils which follow their actual timetable. The Parents open evening is 5th June at 7pm where Scotcrest will be there and opportunity for uniform exchange.

Action

WR and other PC members to attend

7. AOB

N/A

1. Points for discussion at next meeting.

- Partnership Working Actions (including Fundraising plan)

Next PC meetings

Monday 2/09/19