

## **Lesmahagow High School Parent Council Meeting**

**Tuesday 23 June 2020, 7pm via MS Teams**

**Attendees:** Wendy Russell (Chair), Colin Bates, Marie Cox, Moira Fell, Karen Hynd, Lorna Laird, Barbara Lee, Angela Norris (minutes), Vicki O'Rourke, Gillian Brown, Hazel Leggate

**Apologies:** Councillor Mark Horsham, Sarah Smith, Elspeth Martin, Donna Kelly

1. WR welcomed everyone to the Parent Council meeting.

**2. Approval of minutes**

Approval by KH and seconded by MF.

**3. Head Teacher update (Provided by B. Lee)**

There was detailed discussion on approach to blended learning approach and the background to the various models. With government announcement that day with intention for pupils returning full time in August, further guidance is due to be provided on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June. The view is that blended approach becomes contingency rather than recovery option. Parents will be updated in due course and patience is requested,

Staffing Update

Mr Biggart will retire from Lesmahagow High School in August after 38 years of dedicated service to the Lesmahagow High School community.

Interviews underway for the position of Acting PT Technologies and Digital Literacy and will provide a further update. This position cannot be filled on a permanent basis as Mr Biggart's substantive post was PT Art, Music and Technical. Mrs MacLeod, PT ICT, who is currently seconded to South Lanarkshire Council as Digital Officer could return to this post.

Appointment confirmed for our new Principal Teacher of Expressive Arts, Ms Cairn Robertson, who will join us from St. John Ogilvie High School in Hamilton. Her start date has still to be confirmed. Ms Blackwood, Acting PT Expressive Arts, who leaves end of term to move to Calderglen High School, where she will be PT Performing Arts. Mrs Gemma Smith has been appointed Acting Principal Teacher of Equity and Inclusion.

Our NQTs (Ms Melissa Melvin, Ms Nicola Forbes, Ms Gail Mackie, Mr Ross Beveridge, Ms Alisha Hope, Dr Tanya Mathie and Mr D Roberts) will complete their probationary year tomorrow. Ms Melissa Melvin has been appointed Teacher of Maths with us here in Lesmahagow High School. Ms Nicola Forbes has been appointed Area Cover teacher of Biology, based in Lesmahagow High School. The other NQTs will take up posts in other schools. In August, Ms Kimberley McCabe will join us in History, Mr Alistair Carter will join us in Geography, Ms Jennifer Mason will join us in French and Mr Kenneth Campbell will join us in Technical. Mrs Laura Quinn, Ms Sharyn Muldoon and Mrs Lindsay Gibson have all returned from Maternity Leave. Mrs Lianne Russell is currently covering the Maternity Leave cover of Mrs Vicky McGregor.

#### 4. Treasurer Update

The balance is currently at £1,153.00. V O'R advised that the easyfunding app had already generated £111 income. KH advised that the accounts would require to be audited in August to tie in with the school audited accounts.

#### 5. Fundraising & Use of Funds

Bids were received (paragraph of 50 words or less) stating what they would use the funding of up to £1000. This was increased from previous allocation of £600. Please refer to Bid detail document. Bids agreed were as per the table below:

SUBJECT	TEACHER	BID FOR	AMOUNT AWARDED	COMMENT
Modern Languages	Miss Tully	Linguascope	£360	
ICT		Wireless speakers and presenters	£120	
Computing	Mrs Forbes	Computing Science Textbooks	£230	
PE		Yoga Balls & Pilates Equipment	£100	Offer to source second hand yoga balls from parents
Science	Dr Nicol	Lab coats & CPR lungs	£100	
ASN	Pamela	For setting up base	£100	Offer to source what they need from donations / second hand sources

#### 10. AOB

N/A

#### Next PC meeting

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020