

MINUTES OF PARENT COUNCIL MEETING 28th SEPTEMBER 2017

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSIONS	ACTION POINTS
Introduction & Welcome	Lindsey McGregor welcomed all to the meeting especially all new members	
Apologies	Mandi Doig, Bridget McKay, Marek Short, Nicola Ferguson	
Minutes last meeting	Approved	
Councillor Business	None	
Head Team Presentation	<p>Teigan Hunter, Daniel Crabbe, Rhiannon Preston and Murray Cherrington</p> <p>Different initiatives:</p> <p>Daniel explained the selection process: application; speech to Assemblies: then selected persons were interviewed. Meeting with old Head Team and Head Teacher.</p> <p>Rhiannon spoke about weekend away with SLT. Planning for initiatives they wanted to select for this year. Looked at best case scenario and worst case scenario to look at best result.</p> <p>Murray: revamping House System; introducing House events, Charity Events and House with most points at end of year will get a presentation. Each member of the Senior Team have responsibilities allocated to them and have action plans in place. Trying to bring in best practise from other areas and other schools. House assemblies at start of session to promote and inform the Year Groups. Still in the developing stage and once plans are set then more information can go out.</p> <p>Teigan spoke about the Student Voice – trying to get as much feedback from students to shape the school.</p> <p>Mount Esk points allocated from Head Teacher as Murray was here representing his House.</p> <p>Daniel asked PC if there was anything we wanted them to bring to the meetings in the future.</p> <p>Miss Blake, teacher of History discussed Teigan's involvement with the Aim High initiative to have a positive career road.</p> <p>Parents/Carers will be asked to bring their skills to the school to inspire students. Evening on Monday 30th October 7.00 to 8.30 – any help will be really beneficial. Wide range of professions would be great to hear from.</p> <p>Advertise through Daily Bulletin, Twitter, Facebook, Group Call to parent/carers and word of mouth.</p>	<p>CH reward House points</p> <p>RR Group Call</p>
New Heads of House & Student Support Structure	<p>Mr Chisholm, DHT Student Support.</p> <p>4 new Head of Houses came through a vigorous selection programme. Mr Chisholm introduced the aims and values that the school have that we all reinforce every day within the school.</p> <p>Move from 3 to 4 Houses. Structure changed drastically – Mr Chisholm presented by Power Point the detail of the new structure. Challenging and supporting students to attain as highly as they can in LHS. Staff, Parent Council and parent feedback helped shape new structure along with knowledge brought through from other schools.</p>	<p>RR - E-mail out Power Point</p>

NC introduced Head of Houses

Jill McLaren – discussed remit: P7 transition, S2>S3 personalisation & choice, and positive destinations for leavers. Communication: new Student Support Twitter feed. Looking for feedback on Twitter and communication. Overseeing Volunteering Award for S4 and S5 students. JMcl works closely with Careers Advisors.

Karen Hughes – discussed remit: Student profiling for P7's & S3's using Didbook programme which records both academic and wider achievement. Tracking & Monitoring and the new system for reporting – On The Button. Allows us to track students much more effectively. Personal Support with S1 students on timetables looking at skills needed to go forward in life. Personal Development in Senior Phase looking at enhancing life-long skills.

Hazel Moar - discussed remit: Student Voice; working with students to ensure students feel valued and listened to. Student Equity – raising attainment and will offer targeted support to those in more deprived areas. Agency & Partnership working – looking to pull these together and see what we have and what we may need. Community approach to see how we can support our students. Personal Development – looking at students skills to allow them to lead. Restorative practice & Student Wellbeing.

Claire Main: discussed remit: Family Learning – working with LLL&E, open evenings and engaging Parents/Carers on Literacy & Numeracy. First event is Tuesday 3rd October where Maths and English staff will be available to discuss support. Attendance monitoring and how we ensure this is as accurate as possible. Student support, Support staff are first point of call when parents call in on telephone. Works with Mr Paris on attainment and providing support for students to attain as highly as each person can. Also responsible for the Princes Trust course, SQA course – flexible course that we can select different areas to work on. PSE programme – Health focus on substance misuse. Delivering Assemblies and working with outside Agencies.

PC asked about who was the Named Person – Mr Hornell advised that he is the Named person for the school but caseloads are managed with the Team. National and local level needs work to move forward. Lot of things still to be clear on this National/Government issue.

CM explained new emphasis in Student Support – Pastoral/nurturing but also career and attainment based.

KM – House system helps keep the large school together with a common aim.

New House Teams are now very visible and accessible.

CH discussed further Head of House roles. Many responsibilities are now with Head of House. Head of House's are very visible in and around the school and already have made a difference with student behaviour and relations. Change will be seen already and progress over the next three to four years.

PC asked if remits are just for House or whole school. NC replied that many of the remit responsibilities lie across the whole school. Head of Houses ensure that good work in one House is replicated through all Houses. Ensuring quality and consistency.

CH – lot of high quality applicants for these posts.

PC asked - School Uniform issue raised. Inappropriate styles of dress; short skirts – what can school help with? All Head of Houses have this in mind – visible in school and discuss with students the

	<p>type of dress. Trying to progress this through blazers and discussions with students.</p> <p>Leadership and Personal Development will kick-start some House initiatives.</p> <p>CH – Computing teacher issue and S1 could not do Computing and S1's have an additional period of PE.</p>	
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Report from Chair	<p>LMcG: Great year for parental involvement and being involved in shaping initiatives.</p> <p>Great involvement with new reward system VIVO.</p> <p>Fund raising – raised £4300.00 this year. 200 Club started and have more than 50 members – more from our large school would make a huge difference.</p> <p>Communication Survey last year was useful. New Website almost ready to go and will include Facebook and Twitter.</p> <p>Looked at last meeting for ideas on how PC is run. Different days for meetings.</p> <p>LMcG approached a booklet company for a folder that can be used which has local adverts that pay for space.</p>	RR to e-mail out report
Report from Treasurer	<p>FH: over £1100.00 so far from 200 Club. FH discussed some spending. More support needed for 200 club – more people in means higher prizes out.</p> <p>Forms on Website.</p>	
Report from Head Teacher	<p>PC asked if this could be sent in advance so it could be read and digested before meetings. CH always aims for this but time is always against us. Will endeavour to do so.</p> <p>CH discussed report.</p> <p>Primary Road-show emphasis on S2. HT and Mr Paris visiting 5 of the feeder Primaries. PC asked if this information could go to Out of Catchment.</p> <p>CH discussed Columba 1400 initiative. Pupil Equity Fund to all schools to help “narrow the gap”. Developing leadership in young people; values based. Going to Skye next week with 5 members of staff - emphasise on service. Presentation will be delivered after their return. Students chosen after series of Assemblies where Columba 1400 presented. Students asked to apply. Hope to have a link for 3 to 4 years and involve over that time approx 50/60 students. Well respected charitable organisation.</p>	<p>RR to put Primary presentation onto Website.</p> <p>Student presentation to PC</p>
Election of Office Bearers for 2017	<p>Treasurer role – no interested person this evening; FR will continue this year – new person needed for next year.</p> <p>Chair – LMcG asked if anyone would like to shadow her this year as she intends to stand down from next year.</p> <p>Lindsey McGregor, John French, Fiona Robertson proposed and seconded.</p>	

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Next Meeting date: Wednesday 8th November at 19.00 Lasswade High School – Room 114