



Minutes of Lockerbie Academy Parent Council held on Wednesday 2 May 2018 in the school conference room

Pre-meeting

B Asher announced that R Murray has had to step down as chair due to work commitments and M MacPherson reluctantly as secretary. A Banks is willing to take on acting chair and F Stewart as secretary until the AGM. A Banks will arrange for a card for both office bearers as a thank you as both were valuable members of Lockerbie Parent Council over the years.

1. **Present:**
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| A Banks | A Carruthers | C Muirhead |
| F Stewart | B Asher | M Downie |
| B Crossan | C Maxwell | A Corrie |
| H Nicholson | M Armstrong | J Gordon |
| C Johnston | J Mackie | |

Apologies: No apologies received

2. Minutes of previous meeting

J Mackie asked for an alteration to the wording under AOCB regarding his concerns about the parent council. F Stewart asked that her name be added to apologies.

3. Action Points Progress

M Armstrong handed out a leaflet illustrating the objectives of the Parent Council and how to become more involved by spreading the work load and possibly creating subgroups. B Asher advised he set up the PC 4 years ago and the constitution is based on a template which can be reviewed at the AGM. He asked if PC members were willing to promote the group by making a video for parents. All PC members were asked to read through the constitution which can be viewed on the school website and consider any items which need amended/updated for discussion at the next meeting in time for the AGM.

4. Matters Arising

B Asher advised that LNCT who decide the policies and procedures for education have a meeting on 22 May and will discuss the proposed holiday dates for 2019/20 to 2021/22. If they are in agreement then proposals will be sent to staff and parents for approval. There were over 900 replies to the survey with emerging patterns which the team will try to accommodate.

At the S6 validation on 26 April, headboy and headgirl handed over cheques to Jim Rae from the Eskrigg Nature Reserve and a representative of McMillan Cancer of £891 each.

Annandale and Eskdale committee, Richard Grieve of leisure and sport and B Asher will meet on 23 May to discuss the gym and sports facilities available to the public after school hours in light of budget cuts.

5. Office Bearers

A Banks agreed to be acting chair and will communicate with B Asher regarding facebook and website engagement. F Stewart agreed to take on the role of secretary and prepare the minutes and agenda for PC meetings.

6. Rector's Report

Housekeeping

- Wall cladding has been installed in the corridor between the Social Area and PE/Technical
- HT office move - nearer to the main office

Staffing

- Annual Staffing exercise –
 - Appointed:
 - PE – Miss Beattie
 - Biology – Miss McGillivray
 - Physics – Miss Horn
 - History – Mrs Callander
 - Adverts close this week on the following posts:
 - Principal Teacher Language and Literacy (combining English and Modern Languages Faculties)
 - Principal Teacher Developing Scotland's Young Workforce
 - English Teacher
 - Modern Languages Teacher

Parental Satisfaction Survey

Strong approval:

- **79.6%** agree "I feel my child is safe at school" (D&G 74%)

- 73.5% agree “I am able to approach school staff with any concerns or suggestions” (D&G 76%)
- 71.4% agree “Staff in school treat my child fairly and with respect” (D&G 72%)
- **65.3%** agree “My child enjoys learning at their school” (D&G 78%)
- 65.3% agree “Overall, I am happy with the school” (D&G 67%)

Disapproval

- **30.6%** disagree “I have opportunities to have a say in changes proposed by the school” (D&G 21%)
- **26.5%** disagree “I feel involved in my child’s progress at school” (D&G 20%)

49 responses out of 736 = 6.7% response rate

Members of the PC felt the comments were unfair and did not represent the views of the parents.

Discussion Items

- 2-18 Campus proposals - B Asher reported that he is acting head teacher for the whole campus for 23 months
- 2-18 Inclusion proposals
- Proposed consultation on changing the structure of the school day at Lockerbie Academy, B Asher reported that catering can manage the change and he’s still waiting to hear back from transport about any issues.

6. Pupil Report

No pupils attended as on study leave.

7. Fundraising

C Muirhead reported that they have been successful in their grant application to Ewe Hill Windfarm and have received £6300 towards the running costs and signage of the school minibus. This is 90% of the sum requested. B Asher advised that the running costs are in excess of £9000 annually. C Muirhead advised there are other windfarm grants available however completing application forms takes time.

M Downie advised that Lockerbie Academy are one of the choices on the Tesco bags of help programme this month and encouraged members to collect the blue tokens and to support the school.

J Mackie asked if the school has a shopping list however B Asher is happy to cover the cost of the minibus first which benefits many pupils.

8. Treasurer's Report

A Carruthers reported the bank balance is £6956.32 and it was agreed to write a cheque for £6300 to the school.

9. Correspondence

B Asher has received a further letter from a parent regarding the pupil toilet. It was agreed at an earlier meeting that R Murray would reply to the parent however they are still waiting for a response. M Armstrong advised that he is happy to reply and will email all PC members with a draft for approval before sending to the parent.

10. AOCB

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 6 June 2018 at 6.00pm.