

Minutes of Lockerbie Academy Parent Council held on  
Wednesday 31 August 2016 in the school conference room

**1. Present:** B Asher                      A Corrie                      S Malone  
                  M MacPherson                F Naysmith                A Carruthers  
                  R Murray                      A Lockerbie

**Apologies:** C Muirhead              A Menzies

**2. Minutes of previous meetings**

Were read and approved

**3. Matters Arising**

No matters arising

**4. Rector's Report**

**a) Housekeeping**

Render repairs were carried out in various locations around the school with more areas stripped back than expected. The exterior of the building now looks very smart once more.

- PE staff Base / Community Office Alterations. Socket, push button and data point to be installed at the hatch – completion due on the 17th August
- Internal redecoration has been completed in various locations
- Workbench improvements in Technical have been completed
- Wall Protection programme is complete in the Social Area.
- Signage for Sound Studios and Music Practice Room installed
- Acoustic Panelling – will be installed in the new Music Studio
- External landscaping improvement with additional turfing completed to the rear of the school
- Basketball Nets supplied and installed
- Amphitheatre timber has been a concern and in discussions with a supplier to install an alternative product around this area.
- Road markings renewed

***Work still outstanding is the draining of the first football pitch. This work will commence as soon as possible and any disruption to daily life kept to a minimum.***

***Basketball stands have been provided by Amey for pupils use during breaks.***

**b) Staffing**

We have a number of new colleagues with us this session:

Miss S McKie – Permanent member of staff in English following

Ms S Jones retirement

Mr P Boyle – Permanent member of staff in Maths

Drama Trainee – Miss A Hart

Biology Trainee – Miss S Smith

History Trainee – Miss J Lyon

English Trainee – Miss B Smith

PE Trainee – Miss L Thompson

We have a change in Modern Languages. Over the summer, Mr W Copeland decided to move back to France permanently and has resigned his post with us. Mr J Boyom is with us to cover his post pending a recruitment process.

In English, covering Mrs V Smyth's Maternity leave until Christmas, we have Miss A Tait

**c) SMT Remits**

We have adjusted some aspects of SMT Remits. Following this meeting, I will place a copy of the new remits on the website for you to see. This will let you know who is responsible for what and who to contact about any issues.

**d) SIP**

Our School Improvement Plan is not quite finished yet. I met with Mr Colin Grant prior to the end of last session and we have been granted an extension. SMT will complete this and publish it to you as soon as possible.

**e) SQA Exam Results**

S5 and S6 headlines are excellent – some of the best results the school has ever seen. S4 on the other hand is disappointing and not much different to last year which was significantly down on previous years. Following some analysis, it is clear that we are simply not presenting enough candidates for N5 exams, for whatever reason and we have to look at that this year. However, we have much to be pleased about in the Higher and Advanced Higher results. I want to thank and congratulate my staff and pupils for these results and for the life opportunities these qualifications give our young people. I also pay tribute to the tremendous support our pupils receive at home – research shows that parental involvement does a huge amount to improve pupil attainment.

***B Asher is happy if any parent/carer requires further help regarding any aspect of school life that they can contact the school via Guidance Teachers or Head of Houses. Messages can be passed to school office, by phone, voicemail or email.***

## **5. Pupil's Report**

No report till next meeting.

## **6. Finance**

Bank balance £3,743.31. It was agreed £2,500 would be paid to school to cover transport costs.

## **7. AGM**

Agenda required. Annual report to be made, R Murray will deal with this. Report by Rector. We will need to appoint office bearers. We require maximum of 20 on committee. Smaller groups could be formed for fund raising etc.

Notification must be given to all parent/carers, two weeks prior to meeting. Groupcalls will be sent out and details will be in Annandale Herald tomorrow 1 September. School website and FB page will have similar comments. Further Groupcall will be made on 26 September.

Co-opted members will be appointed after AGM.

Assembly Hall booked.

## **11. AOCB**

Absent line – Parents asked to text any absences etc but parents can contact the school by phone.

Homework during school holidays – Some students over burdened with work during recent Summer holidays. Agreed it is necessary for this to be reviewed.

Website – Still in process of being updated.

### **Date of next meeting**

**The next meeting will be on Wednesday 5 October 2016 at 6.00pm.**