Loanhead Primary School Parent Council Meeting

24/06/2020 6pm Zoom

Attendees: Diane Donnelly, Lynn Waight, Gemma Gwynne Stevenson, Denise Claxton, Emma Morgan, Lisa Paris, Sara Pettigrew, Lorna Kennedy, Sally Lang, Jacqui Craig, Michelle Brown, Laura Burnett

Apologies: Gillian Thompson

Review previous minutes: no comments

Update from Chair:

* Inspection went well, with written report reading well and few recommendations given in areas marked for improvement.
* Report cards sent home through the post, children to return to class in August with objectives filled in.
* Loanhead Primary School’s Got Talent was really successful, over £700 raised for the school.
* P7 gifts from the Parent Council; scientific calculator and maths set (with USB pen from the School)
* Unsure what options are for fundraising in the 20/21 school year, usual events may not be possible.
* Letter that goes out to P1 parents explaining role of parent council was shared with parent council

Treasury Balance: £1693.13

Uniform:

* Uniform will be encouraged but not enforced (some families may choose to wear fresh clothing each day to school and this may be easier to accommodate if blending with “normal” clothes).

Questions

* Return to school is expected to be full-time no 12th August, without social distancing (for children), although this is obviously subject to change.
* Blended learning will be kept as a backup option (children will attend either Mon/Tues or Wed/Thurs).
* Unsure for certain what return will look like in terms of distancing between classes, staggered start or break times, additional adults in the building, assemblies, etc, but Scottish Government guidance will be followed, with focus continuing to be on public health.
* If both parents are keyworkers and require additional support in the week, children will not receive additional teaching, but will have supervision from Learning Assistants to undertake their homeschooling.
* Focus on return will be on nurture and resilience, numeracy and literacy. If schools return full-time, curriculum will run as normal.
* The status of school camp at end of September is currently unknown, and will depend on both availability of centre and also preference in school.
* As school returning early in August, additional days holiday are being added to the Christmas break and also early break up in Summer 2021 (details available <https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/878/schools/2/school_term_dates_and_holidays/2>)

Feedback to the Chair:

* How did you feel the Zoom went tonight?
* How would you feel about future Zoom meetings?
* How would you feel about a mixed timetable of zoom and in person meetings?
* How would you feel about being able to dial into a meeting happening in the school if you couldn’t attend in person?
* Any Fundraising ideas welcome

Next meeting: AGM 4th September, location and time to be confirmed