**Minutes of the Loanhead PS Parent Council, 7th September 2022**

**Chair:** Kerry Crichton

**Minutes:** Laura Burnett

**Attendees**

Rhona Mag Fhogartai, Michelle Brown, Raul Pardinaz-Solis, Claire Mclean, Claire Williams, Karen Hinton, Lorna Kennedy, Ashley Allen, Ian Carpenter, Lynn Waight, Emma Rutherford, Alex Kitchen, Kerry Crichton, Laura Burnett, Poppy Kyles, Melanie Caldwell, Rachel Coombs, Kirsten Ramsay.

**Apologies**

Gemma Stevenson, Jo Gillies, Denise Claxton, Libby McAdam

**PC members for 2022/23**

Rhona Mag Fhogartai, Michelle Brown, Raul Pardinaz-Solis, Claire Mclean, Claire Williams, Karen Hinton, Lorna Kennedy, Ashley Allen, Ian Carpenter, Lynn Waight, Emma Rutherford, Alex Kitchen, Kerry Crichton, Laura Burnett, Poppy Kyles, Gemma Stevenson, Jo Gillies, Denise Claxton, Libby McAdam, Azalee Love.

**Office bearers for 2022/23**

Chair Kerry Crichton (Nominated by Laura Burnett, Seconded by Lynn Waight)

Vice Chair: Claire McLean (Nominated by Libby McAdam, Seconded by Kerry Crichton)

Treasurer: Poppy Kyles (nominated by Laura Burnett, Seconded by Kerry Crichton)

Secretary: Lynn Waight (nominated by Kerry Crichton, Seconded by Poppy Kyles)

**Review of actions** – none required

**Treasury update** –

Cash £285.15

Bank £2007.27

Total £2292.42

Conditional (Grants provided for a specific purpose, e.g. transport) £1063.36.

Unconditional £1229.06

**School photography** – horizon to return to take school photos, concerns over previous quality have been raised with school and Horizon.

Survey of Parent Forum to determine if people would be happy with a digital image rather than a traditional print, as this would provide more flexibility with providers.

**Funding** –

* Proposal for “Brain Food for Bairns” to be made to Midlothian Council small grants. This would be for fruit to be made available to all kids in the atrium, particularly with a focus on providing for children who come to school on an empty stomach.
* Tesco blue tokens – currently in second place in South Edinburgh
* ITAS micro grants for Cost of Living crisis about to open up, details to be provided to Libby.
* Request that known costs such as Panto be added to Parent Pay as soon as possible to allow parents to plan / budget for these. Suggestion for School to add “donation” to Parent Pay to allow donations for items of the school’s suggestion was well received by the Parent Council, who liked the idea to be able to “Pay it forward”.
* P7 end of year trip

A vote was had to agree the limit of the funding available for a P7 day out at the end of their school year. This was agreed to be £15/pupil, or £465 for the current class of 31 pupils.

£10/pupil (£310 total) = 0 votes

£12/pupil (£372 total) = 5 votes

£15/pupil (£465 total) = 10 votes

**Halloween disco**

Agreed to be Thursday 27th of October, 6.30 – 7.30 pm. Noted that as this is the evening between learning trios that teacher support at the disco is likely to be lower than usual.

**Friday lunch query**

Do the school receive the financial value of any school lunches that are not taken on a Friday? Response from school, no this is not provided, the benefit it reduced food waste. School to consider how they could stop sending bottled water home in the Friday packed lunch.

**Headteacher update**

* School improvement plan to be shared shortly, upon completion
* If you are interested in exploring and discussing the new Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood programme, in advance of it being rolled out this school year, please contact [K.hinton@midlothian.education](mailto:K.hinton@midlothian.education).
* Active schools, to continue but will not be funded. Options being explored on how to implement this at no cost of participation are for the parent council to fund, parent volunteers to run classes, staff volunteers to run classes, high school or P7 children to volunteer to run classes. The school will keep posted of progress. IC to enquire if Lasswade High School Duke of Edinburgh participants could contribute as part of their volunteering.
* Library update – Skanska provided details of preferred furniture suppliers for additional bookcases; MC will provide directly to LW. Furniture to be uplifted to clear space in the library.
* Request for spare underwear, and leggings/joggers to be handed in to the school for children who need to change. Primarily for the lower atrium, but all ages welcome. Please hand in to office.
* Children to return to entering through atrium doors, direct communication to go out to parents. Parent Council Boards – PK volunteered to clean and get ready for use.

**AOB**

Head lice treatment, due to cost of treatment, is there a way this could be made available through school? After discussion it was agreed not necessary as could be received free of charge though the Minor Ailments Scheme. The school agreed to add this information to future communication about head lice.

**Date of next meetings**

AGM 20th September

Normal meeting 11th October.