



## **Laurencekirk Primary Parent Council AGM.**

Noted that every stage from Nursery to P7 was represented at this meeting.

**2.Chairperson Report on year:** Nicola reported that the parent council have been hard working and positive in supporting the school by fundraising, involvement with Respect and Resilience policy, consultation in progress about school uniforms & recruiting a new Deputy Head Teacher.

**3.Treasurer Report on year:** £5737.82 in the bank. We have raised money by fundraising i.e. selling daffodils, family portraits, summer raffle & recycle clothes bin. We had a donation of £200 from Muir Homes which will go towards playground equipment in our new extension. Contributions to the school have been donations for Christmas parties, school outings, house trophy, litter pickers for eco committee which involved the school helping out our local community with a clean up at the co-op and a new shed for the infant playground for storage.

Christina Mowatt audited books Lisa Moggach confirmed these were accurate and seconded by Claire Hunter.

**4.Head Teacher Report to parent forum:** Discussed Standard & Quality Report and Improvement Plan.

Bounce Back is working very well in school. Pupils write on post its put them onto a board expressing positive thinking towards what they have learned and they are read out at assembly.

The 3 Learning Groups have been working hard.

Reading group – the school have purchased £1500 worth of new books which were all chosen by the children. Gaps have been noticed in reading and a new reading scheme will be introduced as a sideways move which will give additional support to children that need it.

Planning Group – Knowledge base to skill base, figure out different ways to find the solutions and children to ask questions having a positive say about their learning.

Maths Group - introducing active maths to all, looking at number sense, monitoring and recording how we meet the needs of all learners.

New Depute Head Teacher Jill Smith in post.

Review in October as to Emma Allen (DHT) having more time out of class.

We are an enhanced school with enhanced trained staff which will offer extra support in both the school and nursery across the whole cluster.

Extension phase 1 - nursery should be finished by November 2016. Phase 2 3 classrooms and 1 community room should be finished April 2017.

Mr Boyd praised builders for their safe work practices and parents for remaining to park in surrounding streets and not using the school all contributing in keeping the children safe.

**Recommendations** - possibility of bus lane to be used for a drop off zone and parent council to ask parents if anyone is interested in organising a walking bus to and from school.

**5.Resignation Office bearers 2015/16** - Nicola Campbell, Claire Hunter, Denise Stewart & Amanda Baillie stood down. Graeme thanked them for their support and hard work over the past year.

**6.Appointment of 2016/17 Office Bearers** - Graeme Boyd asks if anyone would like the role as

Chairperson - Nicola Campbell offers nominated by Lisa Moggach seconded by Amanda Baillie.

Vice chair – Lisa Moggach offers nominated by Denise Stewart seconded by Amanda Baillie.

Secretary Amanda Baillie offers nominated by Lisa Moggach seconded by Nicola Campbell.

Treasurer Kelly Bilsland offers nominated by Denise Stewart seconded by Lisa Moggach.

**7.Appointment of any lifelong members or special representatives** – Marianne Clark appointed staff member and given thanks from parent council for all her help and support over the past years. Open invitation given to welcome any Staff that wish to attend LPPC meetings.

**8. Closing of AGM** – Nicola Campbell (Chairperson) welcomes newly appointed office bearers and closes AGM.

**ACOB** –

**9. Amendments to the Constitution** – EGM to be held at the start of the next meeting as it was agreed that 6.2 needed to be amended. The published document states that two thirds of the forum have to be present, we usually have a small attendance at LPPC meeting and it was agreed to amend it to 5 parents for a meeting to go ahead. This will be released to make all parents aware.

Parents members have to attend 2 meets a year to be able to vote.

**10. School Uniform** – Tesco and School Wear made Easy were a short term fix to offer parents a choice as to where to purchase school uniform for this year. A couple of parents have expressed they were not happy with the colour of thread used on the logo. Consultation to begin, questionnaires to be put out, feedback gathered from pupil's, parents, staff & the community then school uniform policy put in place deadline December 2016.

**11. School Improvement** – School consultation has been done, nursery still to do. Discussed and looked through Improvement Plan.

3 areas of improvement will be:

Leadership of Learning: Pedagogy with Visible Learning - Types of teaching, gold standard, good teaching and learning that comes from teaching.

Continuity and progression in Learning (cluster) – Create a cluster format, ensure continuity for all learners, opportunities for staff to come together to develop and share understanding. Visible learning and communication. Develop skills and familiarise teachers in French by 2020.

Raising attainment in Numeracy – Introduce number sense, what level the children are working within and monitor progress.

Parents survey - 10% of parents took part. Posters are on display around the school to show feedback. Respect Me Organisation have supplied school with information A guide to Bullying will be handed out to parents along with Respect and Resilience School Policy.

Staff also participated in the Respect Me Scottish Government training on the In service day.

**12. Diary for the year** – Graeme requested meeting dates for the next year. Dates that were arranged -

- EGM& LPPC Meeting - Monday 3<sup>RD</sup> October @ 7pm.
- LPPC Meeting - Monday 7<sup>TH</sup> November @ 7pm.
- LPPC Meeting - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December @ 7pm.

**13.Christmas Fayre date** - 26<sup>th</sup> of November. Graeme advised it would go ahead at the school. Mearns Academy has been book as a back up. Nicola/Denise will be in touch re dates to start organising the fayre.

**14.Football** – A parent had asked about football in the playground. Graeme explained that a letter had been sent out recently and the children had been asked and had set their own rules about this.