



Parent Council and PTA Minutes Date of meeting - 20th October 2021

Present: John Doherty, Nathan Marshall, Audrey Ritchie (Partial Attendance), Cara McKee, Anne Anderson, Andrew Milner, Donna McNeil, Linda Beveridge, Colin Frew, Lorna Adams, Sharon Morrow (Partial Attendance), Samantha Proctor & Shaukat Aron.

1. Apologies: Lynne Cameron-Finn, Helen Fox, Laura Hunter, Ayshea Ramshall
2. Minutes of previous meeting: 10 June 2021
Proposed by Sharon Morrow
Seconded by Cara McKee
3. Vice Chair Role
Sharon Morrow sadly has to step down as Vice Chair. She will be much missed. Andrew Milner put himself forward for the role. He is the sole candidate.
Proposed by Cara McKee
Seconded by Sharon Morrow
4. Welfare Rights Officer (A Ritchie)
Audrey Ritchie works with Money Matters and will be working in the new role of Welfare Rights Officer at the school. In this role she will be helping families with accessing benefits, and dealing with paperwork. Money Matters have a good success rate in challenging DWP decisions. She would appreciate help in reaching hard to reach families who might benefit from the work Money Matters can do.
5. Head Teacher's Update (John Doherty)
 - a. Plans for the Term

Wednesday 20 October 2021	BGE (S1 to S3) Reports issued
Wednesday 17 November 2021	S5 & S6 Parents Evening
Thursday 18 November 2021	In-service day
Friday 19 November 2021	Holiday
Monday 22 November 2021	
Thursday 25 November 2021	S3 Parents evening
Friday 26 November 2021	S4 to S6 tracking reports issued
Wednesday 1 December 2021	Higher & Advanced higher exams commence
Friday 10 December 2021	S2 Report issued
Friday 17 December 2021	Higher & Advanced higher exams conclude
Wednesday 22 December 2021	Last day of term two

b. Health & Safety

- Covid mitigations in schools remain in place. This is to be reviewed weekly.

c. SQA

- No updates from SQA
- Exam dates published [here](https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/nq-2022-exam-timetable.pdf):
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d. Mobile Phone Policy

- Phone policy has been shared with pupils at a whole school assembly.
- The reasons for the policy are interruptions in classes and to get more consistent rules across the school.
- A teacher may allow pupils to use their phones in class for educational purposes.
- Phones can be used for fun at break and lunch, but no photos or videos of others should be taken without their consent.
- Phones must not be used in the bathroom.
- Pupils who do not adhere to the rules could have their phone confiscated and/or have a parental meeting.
- If a pupil feels they could benefit by using a phone in class they should go to pupil support for more information.

e. Other

- Parents evening will be held on 'Parents Booking' for the evenings this term. This has been used in other schools nearby successfully.
- A prize giving video was sent out to relevant parents.
- £6,500 was raised for Mary meals on this month's fundraising Friday - next month fundraising is for the Beatson on Friday 5th November 2021, and to buy something for a pupil who is using the hospital and needs the item.

6. Wellbeing report (Colin Frew)

Parents survey had 229 responses

Strongly agreed or agreed with	Question
90%	Their child likes being at Largs Academy.
88%	Staff keep the children safe at Largs Academy.
90%	Children felt safe at Largs Academy.
74%	Children felt confident at Largs Academy.
53%	Children felt individual at Largs Academy.
75%	Children felt encouraged to eat healthy/exercise at Largs Academy.
66%	School supports emotional wellbeing at Largs Academy.
80%	That their child is making good progress.
50%	School takes their views into account when making changes.
87%	They felt comfortable asking questions.
73%	Children felt that Largs Academy encourages people to treat peers with respect.
86%	Are satisfied with Largs Academy
32%	School deals with bullying.

Pupils survey - 50% of pupils completed.

Strongly agreed or agreed with	Question
85%	Of Children feel safe.
77%	Of children have someone they can speak to.
79%	Of children feel they get treated with respect by staff.
74%	Of children feel they get treated with respect by other pupils.
84%	Of children feel the school help them to understand.
57%	Of children feel the school listen to their views.
60%	Of children feel that the school helps them to be more confident.
72%	Of children feel the school teaches them about eating healthily & exercising.
86%	Of children feel the school gives them lots of opportunities to exercise.
94%	Of children feel they have a club to take part in.
58%	Of children feel that the school deals with bullying.
83%	Of children feel encouraged to do their best by staff.

Questions were based on the questions asked in the last school inspection, and the plan is to track the responses to see how we are doing and what improvements can be made.

7. Questions to the school

- Communication - teachers to use the Assignments feature in Teams to post homework. All staff will be shown how to do this at the next staff meeting.
- Test revision - upcoming tests will be detailed in Assignments in Teams.

8. Bids

There are no current bids

9. Fundraising (C McKee)

a. Morrisons Bag Pack

Morrisons are not currently doing bag packs due to Covid¹.

b. 21 December outdoor stall

The planned Christmas concert will now not be going ahead. John Doherty suggested Parent Council could do an outside Christmas Market one Saturday morning in December².

10. Update from Treasurers

a. Parent Council (A Anderson)

£4251.87

b. PTA report update (L Adams)

No statements as Lorna has no access to them yet. This is being rectified and Cara and Lorna are being made signatories.

¹ Post meeting note. We have been offered a chance to have two people fundraise in the foyer at Morrisons, but are not keen to take this forward right now.

² Post meeting note: Discussed after meeting, and it seems a better idea at the moment to plan a big event when restrictions are lifted.

11. Date of next meeting

Thursday 2nd December 2021 6.30pm (via Zoom)