



Largs Academy Parent Council and PTA Minutes Thursday 8 December 2021 - 18:30 Via Zoom

Present: Nathan Marshall, John Doherty, Hazel McClelland, Andrew Milner, John Blair, Linda Beveridge, Helen Fox, Shaukat Aron, Laura Hunter, Tom Marshall

1. Apologies: Cara McKee, Lynne Cameron-Finn, Donna McNeill, Ayshea Ramshall, Samantha Proctor
2. Minutes of previous meeting: 20th October 2021
Andrew Milner asked about what actions will happen after Feedback from Learning and Teaching Evaluation.
Proposed by Andrew Milner
Seconded by Linda Beveridge
3. Head Teacher's update (J Doherty)
 - a. Term two update/plans for Dec/term three
Coming to end of term two. Just had the November Holiday. S2 Reports will be coming out soon.
 - b. Prelims
There has been Higher/Advanced Higher English, Geography & Admin. Supported study will be starting not for Higher/Advanced Higher and in January for Nat5
 - c. Health and safety changes (omicron)
No cases in North Ayrshire. Omicron C19 cases close contacts will have to self-isolate. Household contacts of a Omicron close contact have to do a PCR test. If negative PCR household members are be released but the close contact must isolate for the ten days still.
 - d. Parents Booking System for Parents' Meetings
S3 Parents evening rescheduled, and date will come out on Friday 3 December 2021. NAC server update reset firewalls causing the firewall to activate. Existing appointments will be stored for S3 parents but can be changed if you want. Largs Academy will continue to use this system until parents can enter school. Feedback from parents are the appointments are too short. John says the reason for short appointments so more parents can meet.
 - e. Education Reform Consultation (reform of SQA and Education Scotland) - Largs Academy submission
SQA proposed to be replaced with Education Reform Consultation. Findings from resent survey will be released in early 2022. New qualifications will be between 2022 and 2024. Largs ELT (extended leadership team) filled out a form for Reform team.
 - f. Feedback from Learning and Teaching Evaluation (Hazel McClelland)
Hazel is working alongside Liz Cousens (Biology). To make the improvements LA uses 'How good is our school' book. Information is found via pupil council, Microsoft Forms, and teacher visits.



Pupils Learning and Teaching survey has 514 responses.		Not every often	Some of the time	All of the time	
I enjoy learning at school	20%	65%	11%		
I feel that my work in school is hard enough	3%	53%	41%		
I am happy with the quality of teaching	10%	58%	28%		
My teachers use good resources including digital technologies	7%	46%	44%		
The feedback I receive on my work helps me to improve my learning	16%	51%	29%		
My homework helps me to improve and understand my work in school	34%	44%	18%		
Parents Learning and Teaching survey has 103 responses (as of 1 December 2021 at 19:00).		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
I am satisfied with the quality of teaching in the school	3%	7%	61%	19%	
I feel comfortable approaching the school with questions, suggestions and/or issues regarding learning and teaching	2%	13%	55%	22%	
I receive regular, meaningful feedback about how my child is learning	13%	32%	44%	10%	
I understand how my child's progress is assessed	6%	24%	51%	13%	
		Not every often	Some of the time	All of the time	
My child enjoys learning at school	8%	59%	32%		

New quality assurance:

- When - All faculties will be visited over the course of session 2021-22. The visit will last one day. Timetable of visits to be finalised starting in term 3 due to delay in health & safety protocol.
- Who - Team of HT, link DHT, a FL and a classroom teacher from another faculty?
- What - Pre-meeting with FL to plan details of visit
 - Class observations
 - Informal chats with staff
 - Pupil focus groups

Andrew asked for an action plan, but John D and Hazel have said that there could not actions immediately. John B says homework isn't revised in class when pupils have struggled with it.

- g. Prize Giving 2021/22 (H McClelland)
Not covered.



4. Questions to the school
No questions to the school.

5. Bids
 - a. no current bids
 - b. historical bid - photography supplies (A Anderson)
This bid was successful in late 2019, but was not paid at the time, and missed since then due to covid. It has now been paid.

John Doherty and Anne sorted issue. Anne not present tonight.

6. Fundraising (A Ramshall)
 - a. Morrison's Bag Pack - not currently possible
A Ramshall not present.

 - b. Spring Fair
As A Ramshall not present so planning a spring fair postponed till January.

7. Update from Treasurers.
 - a. Parent Council (A Anderson) - not present a meeting so no update.
 - b. PTA report update (L Adams) - not present a meeting so no update.

8. Date of Next Meeting - proposed date - Wednesday 19th January 2021 - 6.30pm