



## **Largs Academy Parent Council Meeting** **Tuesday 5th December 2023 - in the school, 5.30pm**

### **Minutes**

Present: J Bryson-Meehan, J Doherty (HT), S Doolan (Secretary), S Goyal, C Hussain, C McKee (Chr) S Macnamara (Fin), A Rawley (VC), A Swan (please advise the chair if we've missed you off the list).

1. **Welcome from the Chair** (C McKee)
2. **Apologies:** L Cameron-Finn, A Milner, K Roser, S Aron, J Clark, B Teaz
3. **Minutes from last meeting - 24th October 2023**  
All satisfied with the minutes from October.  
**Minutes proposed by C McKee, seconded by A Rawley.**
4. **Vice-Chair position**  
Sadly, A Milner is having to step down as Vice Chair due to increased responsibilities, so we need a new Vice Chair. We appreciate all that A Milner has done in the role. He will be missed. The role of VC is mostly to provide support to C McKee in parent council events. Such as meetings.  
**A Rawley is willing to share the role with another member.**  
**A Rawley appointed. To look for another member to share role at next meeting.**
5. **Head Teacher's Report** (J Doherty)  
Prelims for National 5 have started on 1<sup>st</sup> December.  
Parents evening on the 13<sup>th</sup> December for S5/6 which has a start time of 3.30.  
S1 panto has been popular with only 15 spaces remaining.  
School is holding their Christmas concert on the 18<sup>th</sup> December.  
Strictly Come Dancing will be held hosted by LA Events on the 20<sup>th</sup> December.  
Winter warmer breakfast is now provided in school with free hot rolls for all pupils up until February 2024. After this J Doherty wishes to continue to provide breakfasts to pupils but this will be limited to cereal.  
School's Christmas fayre was a big hit, raising great funds for the school.  
School's 2024 show 'Grease' has been cast.  
School held its 'How to Pass Night' with around 60 families in attendance, J Doherty felt that overall it was a useful evening. The night was led by H McClelland giving an overall presentation and then families could visit individual subjects for more targeted information.  
Higher and Advanced Higher prelims will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> January.
6. **Questions to the school**
  - a. **Behaviour on West Kilbride buses** (E Howe).  
J Doherty felt that behaviour does need to be improved, however all responsibility should not fall onto the school as the behaviour occurs outwith school hours, and the school has no control over public transport for areas outwith the catchment.  
The school does not condone the behaviour. As with other users of public transport, bus companies are within their rights to remove pupils showing any inappropriate behaviour.  
**The school will continue to address behaviour on public transport in**

**assemblies. Joint letter from the school and parent council will be sent out if bad behaviour continues.**

**7. Treasurer report (S Aron)**

School received a payment into the account from North Ayrshire of £1,042.00 (NAC had paid £443.00 of Largs Primary into our account in an error so this was transferred out to Largs Primary account)

Payment of £30.00 to Largs Academy for lectern stickers, still to receive an invoice.

Total amount in the account is £9706.67.

**8. Bids**

**a. Duke of Edinburgh** - Participatory Budgeting Bid (C McKee) - update - lots of problems with the voting tech but we have been advised that all eligible bids in North Coast will be successful. TBC 11th December. All is looking positive.

**b. Lectern sticker** - Funds transferred to the school. Awaiting invoice. This has been chased by C McKee.

**c. New bid request** from K Blair for National 4 Application of mathematics textbooks. Requesting for £270.00 for textbooks.

**Unanimous yes from the parent council.**

**9. Fundraising**

**a. Fundraising Group** - Many thanks to L Cameron-Finn & S Macnamara for becoming the first members of the fundraising group.

**i. Easy Fundraising**

Easy Fundraising allows the school to gain a percentage of money off things bought online when logging in through their app.

Account has been set up, we now just need promote the QR code.

S Macnamara suggested posting it on Largs Academy Parent Council Facebook page, school twitter page and newsletter.

Open to suggestions as to how to gain maximum exposure.

**C McKee to contact S Aron to pass S Macnamara the bank details.**

**C McKee to provide S Macnamara with login details for LAPC Facebook and 'X' accounts, and S Macnamara to take over the running of these.**

**ii.** Suggestions of a **50/50 club**. L Cameron-Finn has spoken to L Blair about organising this. Main priority now however is 'Easy Fundraising'.

**iii. Christmas Fayre** – Was held on Saturday 25th November. Big thanks to all for making it a successful event with a great turnout. The school raised over £2,000, but the Parent Council only raised £14 at the event with £20+ more to follow from We Buy Books. Remaining books have been passed to charity shops. Next year a different stall would be a good idea!

**10. Dates of Parent Council Meetings 2023-4**

Meetings currently scheduled for Tuesdays. This was discussed and all those who expressed a preference were happy to keep Tuesday meetings.

Online meeting - 16th January

Online meeting - 27th February

In school meeting - 16th April

In school meeting - 28th May

New school librarian, R Dunlop will come to the 16<sup>th</sup> January meeting to discuss online library resources.