



## Linlithgow Academy Parent Council Meeting

7:00pm, Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019, Linlithgow Academy Conference Room

### Attendees:

Parent Members:	Elspeth Brown (Chair), Douglas Gray, Dorte Al-Gailani, Laurie Boles, May Geddes, Susie Hume, Alison Sharp
Head Teacher:	Karen Jarvis
Teachers:	Rachel Bryson
Pupils:	Jessica McKee, Alice Ferguson
Apologies:	Pinelopi Livrou, Campbell Ford

### 1. Welcome, Introductions and Thanks

Elspeth Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular, our new Pupil Council representatives Jessica McKee and Alice Ferguson.

Elspeth will be standing down from Parent Council after the AGM having served for 2 full terms including 2 years as Vice Chair and 2 years as Chair. Elspeth provided a summary of the work of the Parent Council over her tenure, thanked Parent Council for their support and wished them all the very best for the future.

Douglas Gray and Susie Hume are also standing down and the Parent Council thanked them for their valuable input over the years.

### 2. Approval of the Minutes from meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 and any matters arising

Minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 were approved and will be posted on the website.

### 3. Head Teacher's Report

Topics covered:

- New DHT – Alison Bulloch is joining LA permanently from Aug 19
- Staffing
  - NQT - 2 x Biology, 1 RME and 1 Drama
  - Jemma Welsh has joined us from Larbert High School ( HE )
  - Mr Hay is leaving LA and moving to Moray
  - Mr Stalker – retiring in Aug
  - Miss Widdowson – retiring in Aug
  - Additional cover teacher until end of June

- Communication - Will seek a replacement for Keith Hay. Parent Council thanked him for all of the work he has done to improve communications across the school community
- Course Choice - Whole school - 98% got their choices
- Building works over summer
  - 2 New science labs
  - Drama studio and classroom
- SQA Exam Feedback – additional arrangements
- Timetable Change
- Budget 2019/20 - No allocation as yet but expectation is that budget will be tight again this session.
- Changes in 2019/20
  - New S1 will follow the new structure ie no choice at end of S1
  - Consulting on a change to parents night start / end time – proposing 4.30 – 7.30
  - Consultation on an additional S1/2 parents night
  - Consultation on removing full report in S1/2 and replacing with 2 x Monitoring and Tracking (behaviour/ effort / HW)
  - Health and well being award in Core PE S4
  - Customer Care in PSE S4
  - Personal Development in PSE in S5 ( links to YPI )
  - Aim to achieve 1st Aid in S5 over year
  - Running a Foundation Apprenticeship in school
- S6 Last Day
- Parentsportal.scot - Was launched and removed again – ongoing issues LA.
- S4 Study Leave
- Merits - Will operate in the same way as usual and new system will roll out from August
- Trips - Calendar almost agreed.

#### **4. LAA /Fundraising**

A number of options have been presented to WLC and feedback is awaited.

#### **5. Pupil Council Report**

Pupil Council are planning to focus on the canteen in 2019/20 including:

- Use of plastics
- Vegan and vegetarian options
- Healthy options

#### **6. Teachers Report**

Topics covered:

- Young Enterprise – Scottish Finals
- Week of action on Climate Change
- Art Success – Schuh design challenge and Advanced Higher Art

#### **7. Communication Subgroup**

- AGM flyer was agreed and will be published.

#### **8. Any Other Business**

- Parent Council Membership 2019/20 – 4 vacancies plus a clerk vacancy
- S6 Introduction Evening – June 12th

## **9. Dates of next meetings**

- AGM and PC Membership 2019/20
  - Wed 04 Sept 2019
- 2019/20 School Year
  - Mon 30 Sept 2019
  - Tues 26 Nov 2019
  - Wed 29 Jan 2020
  - Thurs 19 March 2020
  - Wed 20 May 2020