



Linlithgow Academy Parent Council Meeting

7:00pm, Monday 9 December 2019, Linlithgow Academy Conference Room

Attendees:

Parent Members:	Laurie Boles (Chair), Douglas Maxwell (Vice Chair), May Geddes, Helen White, Pinelopi Louvrou, Dermot Murray, Jeremy Fuller,
Head Teacher:	Karen Jarvis
Teachers:	-
Pupil Council:	-
Parent Forum:	Linda Melvin
Clerk:	Karine McNair
WL Council:	-
Guests:	-
Apologies:	Campbell Ford, Alison Sharp, Dorte Al Gailini, Iain Woodhouse,

1. Welcome

Laurie welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular new members Jeremy Fuller and Dermot Murray.

2. Apologies

The apologies above were noted.

3. Approval of the Minutes from meeting of 30 September 2019

Minutes were approved and will be posted on the website.

4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Karen Jarvis chaired the meeting to allow for the election of Chair.

Laurie Boles proposed as Chair by May Geddes and seconded by Helen White. Laurie Boles appointed as Chair and re-chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Douglas Maxwell proposed as Vice Chair by Laurie Boles and seconded by Jeremy Fuller. Douglas Maxwell appointed as Vice Chair.

5. Head Teacher's Report

Topics covered:

- **Staffing**

Replacement has been found for recent retiree and a new PTC for English will start shortly.

Counsellor in school one day per week – hoping to increase to 3 days from April when additional government funding is released.

Police Constable joining staff from January, working Mon-Wed, Thurs/Fri on a 2 week rota shared with Broxburn. The aim is to build positive relationships between the police and school community. He will be a uniformed presence from school funds.

- **Building**

Astro now complete and handed over.

Need seats for drama studio.

- **Humanutopia Input**

Company coming into work with all year groups.

Work based on self-esteem, peer pressure, empowerment.

6. Accommodation & Capacity Update

Copies of report from meeting with Dr Elaine Cook on 26 November 2019 had been circulated prior to the meeting. There has not been any response from the Council and in the meantime, contingencies are being planned e.g. PE no longer being timetabled as a practical subject (20 max.) as will need to increase class sizes (30 max.) and staggered lunchtimes.

Action 1 – Laurie Boles to write to Dr Elaine Cook, thanking her for coming to the LAPC and requesting a follow up by next meeting (29 January) to allow for forward planning.

As preparation for a meeting with Councillors it was suggested that LAPC establish the following information for a discussion focus:

- Statistics relating to capacity e.g. number of children to toilet facilities
- Swimming pool – usage vs cost
- Redevelopment plan to support capacity issues

Action 2 – Laurie Boles to write to Councillors David Tait, Tom Kerr and /or Tom Conn with copy of letter to Dr Cook and inviting them to first 30 minutes of a future LAPC meeting.

7. Funding Opportunities

WLC still to agree funding for tennis courts although now potential location for temporary classrooms.

8. Pupil Council Report

No report submitted.

9. Teachers' Report

No report submitted.

10. Business for the Year Ahead

- Wellbeing and Bullying (Sub Group)

The work with Humanutopia will support the aims of this group. There are plans to have a conference in February.

Action 3 – Laurie Boles to email those who expressed an interest in the sub group to help arrange the conference.

- **Employability (Sub Group)**
Good response from parent survey. School ran a partnership meeting with local businesses and organisations to discuss options to improve life chances for some students.
Discussion around a Clackmannanshire model using an industrial unit to provide practical spaces for students to learn skills.
- **Parental Support for school policies e.g. uniform and phones**
It was decided to focus on the other two aims for the year and revisit this another time.

11. Any other business

- Key Dates for 2019/20 (Fridge List) - completed

12. Dates of Next Meetings

- **LA Parent Council**
 - Wed 29 January 2020
 - Thurs 19 March 2020
 - Wed 20 May 2020
- **West Lothian Parent Forum**
 - tbc