

Lochside Voice

Summary of committee meeting held in Lochside Primary School on Monday 6th November 2017 at 6.00pm

Present Nichola Wilkie, Rhona Pittendreich, Pamela Evans, Lesley Taylor, Jennifer Scott, Louise Air, Martin Milloy, Seonaid Ross, Theresa, Keay, Donna Birse, Kerry Smith.

Apologies Pauline Rushworth, Claire Findlay, Fiona McIntosh, Irene Hughes, Rachel Smith, Laura Hunter, Karen Foley, Jennifer Garnes

Welcome & Minutes from last meeting

Nichola welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was agreed that 2 names should be amended from the minutes from the last meeting.

Uniform/Bags

Nichola was unsure of why the Homework Bags was an issue but it was discussed. They seem to be used in the lower end of the school more than the higher end, but it is not an issue whether they get used or not. There are a pile of unused one which can be reused, so no new ones need ordering.

In relation to the Uniform, there have been a few parents airing their views about the poor quality clothing from Tesco but hasn't been brought to teaching staffs attention, the decision to move to Tesco for the Uniform was based on cost efficiency, but has been noted that more pupils are wearing Lochside Uniform with Tesco selling. There will be some feedback spots around the school on Parents Evenings which are 21st and 23rd of November, we would like to hear any opinions in regards to the uniform.

P7 Leavers Hoodies

Nichola approached the subject of P7's Leavers Hoodies. All of the Primary 7's have (of course) said yes to the idea of having a Hoodie. Martin is worried that some families may not manage to pay full price for their child. Jennifer advised that if it went ahead this year, then it may be expected to happen each year. The matter is still being investigated and other companies are being looked at.

School Improvement Plan/Standards & Quality Report

Jennifer shared the School Improvement Plan (SIP) for this session and the Standards & Quality Report for session 2016/17, which has changed format to link with the National Improvement Framework. Last session there were two main areas of improvement; Effective Learning & Teaching and Health & Wellbeing. The contents of the report was shared - a copy can be obtained from the school if required.

The School Improvement Plan (SIP) for this session focuses on adopting Visible learning across the school. This is a 3 year training schedule that all primaries in the Montrose cluster are involved in. A copy of the SIP was distributed and shared.

Jennifer shared that there is a Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) action plan which focuses on the development of Numeracy across the school and Nurture.

Other matters discussed:

ICT is needing replenished across the school, Ipads are shared between each stage which limits use of Twitter and the new approaches being explored to share learning with parents. Interactive White boards are also needing to be updated – all of which has significant cost implications.

Parent Council Representative Meeting Feedback

Nichola Wilkie and Irene Hughes went along to the meeting last month in Forfar. Information was given about Angus Schools for the Future being about gathering information about the school itself, the building and the overall community, there will a link put on the Facebook Page.

Fundraising

Halloween Disco Glow Sticks – We raised £176.96 selling Glow Sticks this year so well done to everyone involved.

Cauliflower Cards –As we had some timing issues for the Cards this year we managed it and we raised approx. £200. We thought it best to keep the option open for the children/parents who wanted to do it at home.

Body Shop Party – One of Lochside's lovely parents has kindly organized a Body Shop Party at The Golf Inn on 22nd November 2017 starting 7.30pm with all proceeds going to Lochside Voice. We hope parents/carers can come along for a night out.

Tesco "Bags of Help" – Seonaid Ross had kindly provided more information about the initiative, so Nichola has asked senior staff members to provide us with a description on what the grant will be used for so we can go ahead and apply to take part.

Bingo Night – As Bingo Nights have been so successful in the past, we have decided to have another one on February 13th, more details to follow closer to then.

Website Updates/Pictures

Nichola asked Martin about the school website in which Lochside Voice has a section, so anything needing put on has to be emailed to Martin directly and he will update it. There was also the idea of the Committee Members putting a picture of themselves on the website and the noticeboard at the office as many parents don't know who we are and can't approach us so this may help with the issue.

A.O.B

This was Jennifer's last meeting before she moves on in her career, she thanked all staff and pupils at Lochside and also Lochside Voice for their help and support over her time here as head teacher. She wished everyone at the school luck in continuing with their hard work.

Lochside Voice received a letter from Pam Davey thanking us for helping herself and the children out with waterproofs so they can continue their outside learning.

Next Agenda

Martin has asked if we could add Seesaw Apps onto the Agenda for the next meeting, this is an online learning journal for each class but more information will be discussed at the meeting.

Date and Time of Next meeting

Our next committee meeting date will be Tuesday 23rd January 2018 at 6pm in the school staff room. Following our bingo night on 13th February 2018 our meeting will be Tuesday 1st May 2018.

Close of Meeting

Nichola thanked everyone for coming along.