

LOCHSIDE ACADEMY PARENT VOICE MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday 17th March 2021
Time: 7pm
Location: Google Meet

Minutes taken by: Joaane Coull (**Secretary**)

Present:	Mhairi Stewart (Chair)	Mr Hendry (Head Teacher)
	Joaane Coull (Secretary)	Joanne Campbell (Deputy Head Teacher)
	Louise Bennett (Treasurer)	Irene Stove (Deputy Head Teacher)
	Tracy Duncan (MCT Pathways)	Shona Robertson
	Councillor Audrey Nicoll	Councillor Alex Nicol
	Councillor Sarah Duncan	Alison Sherriffs
	Carol Fisher	Nicola Brewster
	Sarah Boyne	Michelle Burnett
	Kath McGhee	Cameron Masson
	Moira Cutler	Pauline Glendinning

Welcome & Apologies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mhairi Stewart welcomed all to the meeting.
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Minutes from previous meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minutes from the previous meeting were passed.
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MCR Pathways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcome to Tracy Duncan, MCT Pathways Co-ordinator who discussed her role supporting our pupils. Tracy has been in post since Summer 2020. Tracy is currently mentor to 11 pupils and is doing an incredible job.
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Head Teachers Update:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lockdown 2 has once again been a challenge for us all. <p>Different from Lockdown 1, we have had a skeleton staff in school since January along with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keyworker Children
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- Vulnerable Children

have been in school daily, approximately 25 young people. Once again, my staff have been incredible:

- Office Team
- PSAs
- Teaching staff in school
- Teaching staff continuing the Home Learning

Chromebooks have made a huge difference this lockdown.

Engagement has been positive for most.
Averaging 300 live teaching sessions a week.

Phase 1 of school return

3 weeks ago – senior back – practical SQA only:

Practical Cookery; Bakery; Woodworking; Metalworking; Science NPA; Drama; some Music; Higher Art & Design

Attendance has been excellent.

Then we have the challenge of Phase 2 return

Rationale based on:

- Every pupil being offered a session in school every week
- Continue to focus on SQA
- Two metres social distancing at all times
- Continue to offer Home Learning

This was a huge piece of work to put in place a timetable for 2 weeks.

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Explain the challenge

On Monday we had all our S1 in school (237 pupils).

Normally that would be eight classes and eight teachers for an hour. Then eight more for the second period.

However we have had to use the sports halls and assembly hall.

4 classes x 30 (social distancing) - 4 staff
14 classes x rooms of 10 or less – 14 staff

18 hours teaching time for 1 period
18 hours of teaching time 2nd period

Same for S2/S3 pupils.

SQA classes which we have increased but with small pupil numbers.

Five pupils each in a Science Lab. One Nat 5 class needs 4 x 5 = 4 hours compared to 1 hour, teaching time

However Break / Lunch not possible / buses also been a challenge

Both staff and pupils have really enjoyed these sessions.

Great to have young people back

All City Schools roughly using the same model but I may be biased but ours is certainly one of the stronger models. Some schools have pupils spending all their time outside.



Moving forward to 12th April, everyone back with mitigations – including face covering, but no social distancing.

SQA

Have been talking to senior pupils all this week so they are clear.

Last year → this year

We need to ensure we have evidence for all awards given.

Report in April

SQA have been a huge disappointment and if I am honest have been no help to schools at all.

Staffing

Four probationers have all been appointed to permanent posts,

Mr Aldeen – Computing

Miss Nicol – D & T

Miss Simpson – Art & Design

Mrs Hall – English

Delighted they are staying.

Mr Raya has also moved to a permanent contract.

We are also working to secure some of our agency current staff for next year.

Next Term

- P7 Transition → in hand
- Prize giving – will happen just not sure what it will look like yet.
- New timetable will start Monday 7 June 2021

Personal message from PV Chair, Mhairi Stewart:

- It is with a heavy heart that I have to report the recent death of Lynn Eddie who sadly lost her courageous battle with cancer. Lynn had been an active member of the Parent Council at Loirston Primary School and Vice Chair at both Kincorth and Lochside Academy.

“I have known Lynn since her son Kaden and my son Greg started nursery at Loirston primary school. We were both on the PTA there and spent most of our time over many years driving around with begging letters to get prizes from companies for the Christmas Fayre. Lynn always drove so I had to get out of the car and deliver the letters as half the time Lynn was in her pyjamas. When we all moved up to Lochside Lynn was instrumental in me becoming Chair of Lochside Parent Voice... she never let up until I agreed, as long as Lochside did not have any Christmas Fayres!!!!

Lynn was well known and loved in the community, always involved in something. If I was asked to help out it usually meant that we were in trouble of some sort.

I want to thank the Parent Voice members for allowing a donation of £200 to Lynn’s go fund me page.

	<p><i>It is heart-breaking that she did not have more time with us but especially for her husband Raymond and boys Kieran and Kaden and the rest of her family”.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>She will always be remembered.</i></p>
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AOCB:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lochside Academy signed up to take part in the “Friends for Anchor - Going the Distance” challenge during the month of March with all pupils and staff aiming to cover 2000 miles and raise money for the charity. An amazing total of £2,500 has been raised so far with 3,400 miles covered. If you would like further details of the challenge or wish to make a donation, please visit https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/LochsideAcademy ▪ Due to the current pandemic and the challenges our young people have faced, the school hopes to hold another Mental Health Workshop before the school closes for the summer break, Mr Hendry and Ms Henderson Reid currently in discussions around this. Further details on the event will be sent out by Lochside in due course.
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Date of next meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To be confirmed
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