

**MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL
EDUCATION**



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LASSWADE PRIMARY SCHOOL – PARENT COUNCIL MEETING – MON 3 Nov 14

MINUTES

Present:

Sharon Connelly, Steve Clark, Jill Doyle, Gwen Lewis, Julie MacBeath, Iain Gossman, Kirsty Malley, Gilly Marshall, Leigh Millar, Ann Morrison, Andy Oag, Barry Phillips, Elspeth Reid, Lesley Scott, Lynsey Stevenson, Alison Reid, Clr Iain Baxter, Clr Bob Constable

Apologies:

Elaine Bannerman, Lorraine Maguire, Pauline McGrath, Jacqueline Small, Stevie Small, Karen Smith, Lynn Hill, Lauren Gilchrist,

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Accepted as accurate.

FUNDRAISING

Christmas Fair : Monday 1st December at Lasswade High School.

Agreed Tea & Coffee rather than Mulled Wine to be served. Able to access the room from 4.30 til 8.30. Raffle licence needs renewing if we want to do again.

School & Nursery	- school
Calendars	-
Tombola Adult & Child	- Gwen & Kirsty
Homebaking	- Barry
Refreshments	-
Santa's Grotto	- Sharon
Raffle	-
Guess weight of cake	-
Entrance	- Jill & Lesley

Suggestions were made for Brass Roots and Choir play/sing.

Action:

- Sharon to submit LET form (Submitted)
- Sharon to submit table plan once number of tables confirmed.
- Sharon to email school with ticket template.
- Ann to check with Jacqueline regarding cake. (Jacqueline unable to do, suggested sweets in jar instead)
- Ann to check with Janet Hanley re Santa's Grotto decoration
- Gwen to check renewal of licence. (Confirmed that we have the licence until December and form obtained for renewal).
- Confirm first prize and date for draw (Ipad preferred option with staff and PC and will be drawn on Friday 12th December)

Christmas Cards

Iain explained the process of how the cards are produced etc. The A4 picture produced by the child is scanned and will show the first name and class on the back. After the pictures have been scanned they are to be returned to school and sent home with order forms. Looking at the end of November/early December for the cards to be available.

Action:

- Twitter and Facebook to be updated to advise that cards are available to buy

Calendars

Lynsey to chase the last couple of class photos from Chris. Iain confirmed that he needed 2 days to turn the proofs around for all the classes. A different layout was suggested.

Action:

- Lynsey to send photos, holiday dates and logo to Iain.
- Proofs to be available for parents evening.

Parent Consultation Evening

A table will be set up to take orders for uniforms and calendars.

Wednesday – Ann, Lesley and Gilly

Thursday – Steve, Sharon and Julie

Further events and meetings

Quiz Night – Thursday 26th February 2015

Blingo Night – Ann to discuss with Karen. Possibly Friday night at Roses Club March/April

Lasswade's Got Talent – Friday 29th May 2015. Jill to check capacity and availability of High School.

Meetings still to be confirmed.

SCHOOL BUSINESS**Buildings**

Roof has been made watertight and a number of snagging issues have been done. A large amount of internal maintenance still needs doing following on from the roof repairs. The Councillors were asked what the plan was for the school now that two new schools are being built (Paradykes and Rosewell). It was commented on that the Parent Council had paid for new smart boards etc, whilst these are built-in for the new schools. It was also raised that the school is operating at capacity and

no spare rooms available following the loss of the quiet room. It was mentioned that a large amount of children do however live outside of the catchment area. The councillors confirmed that there were a number of housing plans in draft form and would likely be approved in the next few months, but whether this would lead to a new school being built, changes to the catchment area or refurbishment of existing schools, they could not comment on yet. Decisions still had to be made at Scottish Government level before anything could be decided at local level, which would hopefully be early next year.

Following a tour of the school, the councillors agreed to send someone round to quantify the work that needed doing. Jill mentioned the constant problems the school has with the photocopier and she is going to chase the council on the pilot scheme currently running at Dalkeith Campus.

Action

- Ann to email the councillors before the next meeting for an update report.

Parking

PC Huchison's proposal has again been rejected by the community council. East Lothian are currently enforcing temporary closures and 11 City of Edinburgh schools are operating pilot schemes. Both councillors were keen to see this happen where possible in Midlothian.

Action

- Ann to email the councillors with the proposal for the temporary closure.

Parent Reps

Volunteers for each year group were requested. The parents support their respective class (different class to which they have children in) in school activities, attend outings etc. Two per stage would be preferred. Volunteers to date:

P7 – Gwen

P3 – Julie

P6 – Leigh

P2 – Barry

P5 – Steve

P1 – Sharon

P4 – Ann

Nursery - Gilly

Uniforms

The school has a clothes rail which will be used to store the uniforms on. The school badge (as per the one used on the blazers) will be given to Borders to also produce.

Wildlife Garden & Grounds development

Carried forward to next meeting.

Accounts Update

Bank balance £2,700 with a profit of £410 made on the Autumn Disco (similar to last year). £170 commission from Borders. Staff have asked for non-fiction books to be purchased and possibly new tables and chairs for the last two classrooms.

- Jill to look into costings.
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AOB

Jill thanked everyone involved with the Autumn Disco. Great night was had by all and numbers were up. The half hour between the two discos worked well. Suggestions for next year was to have the children leaving by the back door and possibly letting the younger children in early and with the

lights on.

Repairs are being made to the Willow Dome and is currently out of action.

The date of the next meeting and AGM is Monday 24th November 2014