

Draft Minutes
Of
Lathallan Parent's Association Meeting
Wednesday 26th May, 2021
7.00pm by Zoom

Present:

Maria Coll	Chair
Ranjit Fernandez	Vice-Chair
Lindsey Home	Events Coordinator

Henry Irvine-Fortescue, Richard Toley, Karen Summers (note-taker), Mark Dalglish, Lucy, Claire, Fran Elder, Lee Ann Waddell, LesleyHicking, Bianca Henderson and *Maria's cat (briefly)!*

Apologies

Scott Keenon, Susan Dinnie, Jonee Mackell

Welcome Chair

Maria, as the chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting in March were approved.

Update Finance

The finances were confirmed at £9201 with £5k being ring-fenced for Narnia revamp, leaving a balance of £4201.

The 3D printer is valued and being extensively used. A printed vase will be one of the gifts to be given to Jackie Collins to mark her considerable contribution to the LPA over the last 20 years. Lindsay recommends an afternoon tea or hamper to go alongside the gift.

Merchandise update

Susan didn't attend the meeting but sent her sales update. Sales are now up to £98.50 with the increase mostly due to water bottle purchases.

Funding Requests

- A request for small lockers was raised. Henry suggested a suitable location. Richard will undertake a review of existing locker space and revert to LPA.
- Maria mentioned the planned J7 Bash on 3rd June. Bunting and funding for Laser Tag and BBQ requested. (£600 approved)
- Lesley asked about the feasibility of an S4 Bash.
- Maria will ask Scott and revert with funding possible.
- Nursery requested £470 to cover the bus for the Badgers end of term trip. (approved)

- Ranjit to revert on S6, end of term options and funding implications. (£1350) (approved)
- Maria requested £330 to cover an S1 activity due to the fact the J7's missed out last year. (approved)

Community Support Update

Ranjit updated the LPA that £45 per week continues to be donated to food banks in Johnshaven & Inverbervie. The ongoing donations are well received with excellent links being strengthened between the School, Parents and local community.

Events

Government CV-19 Guidelines continue to preclude events taking place in person on School grounds. Richard Toley plans to send round information about the approaches to be taken with regard to Presentation Day, Sports Day and other end of Term activities. It is anticipated that some of these modified events will be streamed so that Parents can log on and spectate virtually. Richard will review Highland Games plans during June to see what is feasible and permitted. A 4pm finish on Friday, at the end of term, is anticipated.

School Uniform

Richard advised that a transition back to using changing rooms may be possible shortly, which could impact the guidance on School Uniform. The implications for uniform and sportswear are therefore currently under review. Hoodies will continue to be worn for outdoor learning. It is likely that there will be a shift back to the pre-pandemic uniform. Formal uniform requirements will be confirmed in coming weeks.

AOCB

AGM - under existing Government guidelines will need to be virtual

LPA – Lucy is actively trying to recruit more parents of Junior School Pupils to the LPA.

Pipers – Lee Ann asked about the re-opening of Pipers. RT confirmed that the regulations still mean that this cannot open.

Engagement and Fundraising – Bianca recommended that the LPA capitalise more on social media engagement opportunities in the way that nursery had done recently. Sports week raised target £1k for Christmas presents. Maria asked about the private Face book page and Lesley discussed the inactive page that Ewan had set up. Ranjit will speak to Katy. Maria will upload minutes there.

Date of Next Meeting

AGM - 15th June at 7pm on Zoom