



LENZIE ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the LAPC

Assembly Hall, 7pm, Thursday 12th September 2019

1 PC Chair's Welcome

Welcome members of the Parent Forum in attendance.

Attendance register – check for agenda

Attendance: Alasdair Fraser / Rod Harrison / Siobhan White / Gayetri Bhaskar /
Laura Lamb / Phil Reoch / Moira Reoch

Apologies: Gary Logue / Kathryn Clark / Claire Miller / Fiona Kirkland

2 Chairperson's Report

- Mr Fraser outlined the role of the Parent Council's objectives; to work in partnership with the School to create a welcoming environment which is inclusive for all, to develop and engage in activities which support the education and welfare of the pupils and to identify and represent the views of the parents. The Constitution is available for anyone who wishes to read it and is also posted on the School website.
- In addition, the PC reviews curricular issues and provides a chance for the head teacher to explain changes and discuss objectives. This includes regular presentations from staff and stakeholders to outline new initiatives or clarify approach – last year focused on New Curriculum results - Additional support needs – Skills Development - Guidance on New Relationships, Sex and Health Education.
- Building issues are discussed, and the PC gives an opportunity to put proposals forward to EDC for building work and improvements.
- Pupil Equity Fund spending considered – Mr Fraser suggested consideration for ideas at future meetings for future spending.
- This has been a challenging year – the very sad loss of two pupils has put a heavy strain on both the pupils and the teachers and staff who provided support. In addition, there has been significant ongoing refurbishments to the roof and



infrastructure which have been quite intrusive to normal school activities. However, despite this Lenzie has continued to maintain an exemplary SQA results across the board, which Mr Paterson will outline in his report.

- Another key area has been the recent news of the Boclair Academy rebuild – the minutes cover the issues faced by the school.
- Issues to face the PC is to support the push for regrading of LA, likely to change from B to C and therefore drive potential for replacement.
- Cllr Gillian Renwick stated that she raised Lenzie Academy's building in light of the plan for Boclair at the budget meeting last week. The EDC Administration refused to commit to having the school assessed for potential infrastructure improvements, but Cllr Renwick engaged to remind them as often as required that Lenzie needs parity with the other secondary schools locally.

Mr Fraser reinforced that support from councillors is hugely important in this issue.

- As replacement unlikely in the near future, important that we continue to reinforce that the school requires substantial investment in refurbishment, rather than late, slow and piecemeal work currently undertaken. Roofing a case in point, and pitch replacement another.

States in EDC Capital Budget review that

- 5.15 The Schools Pitch Upgrade Programme and Lenzie Academy Pitch Upgrade continue to progress and all works relating to both projects will be fully completed in 2019/20.

PC Chair role is to be involved with applying pressure to promote the school and its improvement – so far, this has involved a push for Community Wardens to patrol round the three schools to monitor parking problems in this area. Also involvement with Parent Council Forum, which is important for hearing where EDC education department is focusing. This has also included a Freedom of Information request to EDC to remand documents related to the decision to rebuild Boclair Academy. Finally, a key issue for the Parent Council Chair will be to increase parental engagement and continue to work with the school and the FOLA. Pass this on to Mr Paterson to review the start of the academic year

3 Head Teacher's Report

4 Election of new Chair and Deputy Chair

- Membership of the Parent Council is a minimum of six and a maximum of sixteen parent members, plus two staff members as stated in the Constitution. Currently we



have 13 members, three are stepping down (AF / RH / GL), and Hazel Williamson did not attend any meetings, therefore we have vacancy for 7 members.

- If there are no more than fourteen members including the three members seeking re-election a vote is not required. However, if there are more than fourteen members a vote would be required.
- **Mrs Siobhan White volunteered to stand as next Parent Council Chair, and was seconded by Mrs Bhaskar.** No nominations for Deputy Chair were received, so this will go to vote in the first Parent Council meeting of the next academic session.
- Last year all current PC members were re-nominated so still have one year to run.
- Mr Paterson and Gary Logue have been instrumental in maintain pressure on EDC Estates, and hopefully this will continue. Gary has agreed in principal to continue this despite stepping down as LAPC Deputy Chair.

5 FOLA 125

Review of accounts by Mr Phil Reoch. Thanks were given by the PC Chair, and he welcomed the appointment of Laura Lamb as the new FOLA Chairperson.

6 AOCB

Mr Fraser formally stepped down as Lenzie Academy Parent Council Chair, and gave his thanks to Mr Paterson and to rest of the PC members who have supported him in this post throughout the last two years – he stated it was a privilege to serve the school and council, hoped that next PC Chair has every success in her new role, and looked forward to seeing Lenzie Academy remain as one of the best schools in the region.