



LENZIE ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes for the Annual General Meeting of the LAPC

1845hrs, Monday 3rd October 2023

Within the Assembly Hall of Lenzie Academy

1 PC Chair's Welcome

The Chair welcomed members of the Parent Council and visitors to the Lenzie Academy Parent Council 2023 Annual General Meeting.

In attendance were:

Gayle Duffus	Jack McLean (Clerk)	Siobhan White (Chair)	Gillian Cay
Ian McHardy	Sarah Giffen	Laura Beastall	Marjorie Buchanan
Carol Nurbhai	Raymond Curran	Mark McDowell	Laura Burke
Brian Paterson (Head Teacher)			

Apologies were received from:

Nina Teasdale

2 Minutes of Previous AGM

The minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting held on Monday 10th October 2022 were noted and accepted as read.

3 Chairperson's Report

Mrs White outlined the role of the Lenzie Academy Parent Council. She advised that the Constitution and other related documents were posted on the school's website and were available for anyone who wishes to read them.

Mrs White reported on matters that had arisen from a recent Parent Council Forum where many of the usual generic issues were discussed as well as some additional funding issues.

Issues relating to the 'new school' was discussed but regrettably there was very little update to be provided at this time.

4 Head Teacher's Report

Mr Paterson provided an annual summary on matters affecting the school:

New staff / New responsibilities

SLT

S1 Acting DHT - Mr McClune

S2 Acting DHT- Ms Steel



PTs

Acting PT DT/Computing - Mrs Campbell

Acting PT Biology - Ms Gantly

New staff

English - Mr Walker, Dr McMorran and Mr Davison

Modern Languages - Ms Smith

Geography - Ms Ellis

RME - Ms McPhee

Chemistry - Ms Sood

Physics - Mr White

DT/Computing - Mr Dalziel

PE - Mr Smylie

Bus Ed - Ms MacDonald

NQTs

History - Mr Walker

Geography - Ms Baker

Mod Studs - Ms Johnston

RME - Ms Abercrombie

DT/Computing - Mr Reid

Biology - Mr Thompson

PE - Mr Wilson

Bus Ed - Ms Jones

Extra-Curricular Activities

There are 68 extra-curricular activities going on across the school every week. Examples include:

Sports - Football, Rugby, Hockey, Dance, Golf, Volleyball, Fitness, Trampoline, Table Tennis, Badminton and Ultimate Frisbee.

Music - Choirs, Ceildh Band, Wind Band, String Group and Orchestra

Others clubs - Science, Horticulture, Computer Games, Newspaper, Creative Writing, CAD, Equalities, Anti-racist, Scripture Union, Inter-faith, Wider Achievement, Philosophical Circle Time and 'Dungeons and Dragons'.

School Trips

S1 Residential

S2 HFT (Italy)

S2/3 Skiing (Austria)

S3 Modern Languages (Barcelona)

S4 History (Battlefields of France / Belgium)

S5/6 Bus Education (USA) - TBC



SQA Results 2023

S4

- Fall in % of 5+ N5 to 64% (average tends to be 70%).
- Fall in S4 is across EDC schools and nationally.
- Insight data demonstrates that the school are 12% above of what is called the 'virtual comparators' (64% v 52%).

S5

- Strong performance with 46% achieving 5+ H Grades.
- Outside of COVID years this was the best results Lenzie Academy has ever had.
- Insight data demonstrates that the school are 16% ahead of the 'virtual comparators' (46% v 30%).

S6

- Strong performance with 69% achieving 5+ H Grades.
- Insight data shows the school are 16% above the 'virtual comparator' score (69% v 53%)
- 1+ AH grade was 5% above the virtual comparator (45% v 40%)

SQA Results

Comparison with other EDC schools

S4

- Across all N5 subjects LA were in 1st to 4th place in 19/26 of all N5s
- Across all N5 subjects LA were in 1st or 2nd place in 12/26 subjects

S5/6 H Grade

- Across all H Grade subjects LA were placed 1st to 4th in 19/28 of all H Grades.
- Across all H Grade subjects LA were placed 1st or 2nd in 15/28 of all H Grades.

Hayward Review

Mr Paterson offered an update on the Hayward Review, an independent review of Qualifications and Assessment that was announced by the Scottish Government in October 2021. He offered some background context and was able to highlight some of the main recommendations.

East Dunbartonshire Council - Quality Review

This will take place between Monday 30 October and Thursday 2 November. A team of eight people will engage with the school:

- three Council Officers
- two Head Teachers
- three Deputy Head Teachers

from different schools across East Dunbartonshire.

The Quality Review will consist of a series of class visits; focus groups; individual interviews and a review of documentation. There will also be pre-visit surveys of teachers, support staff, pupils, parents/carers and school partners.

Education Scotland Inspection

It is thought that this will be completed at some point during this current academic year.



School Improvement Plan 2023-24

Main targets:

1. Learning and Teaching
 - a) Meta-cognition.
 - b) Digital Learning.
 - c) Skills for learning, life and work.
2. Attainment and Achievement
 - a) BGE / SP curriculum review.
 - b) Literacy / numeracy moderation.
 - c) Recognition of wider achievement.
3. Health and Wellbeing
 - a) Equalities & diversity
 - b) Build upon existing approach to enhance wellbeing.
 - c) Creative use of PEF funds to enhance equity for those young people from challenging socio-economic backgrounds.

New school update

Mr Paterson offered a very limited update on the subject.

School events Celebration of Character Evening.

Guidance Welcome Evening.

The Big Breakfast.

UCAS Information Evening.

Departmental Performance Reviews.

Lenzie Academy 'You Tube Channel'.

5 Election of Parent Council Members

- Membership of the Parent Council is a minimum of six and a maximum of sixteen parent members, plus staff members as stated in the Constitution. This year one current member was required to step down having served for the past two years and intimated a desire to stand for re-election:
 - Siobhan White
- Notes of interest were received from new parents intimating a desire to stand for election to the Parent Council:
 - Marjorie Buchanan
 - Gillian Cay
 - Laura Beastall
 - Gayle Duffus
- Since there would be no more than sixteen members in total on the Parent Council a vote was not required and all new members were welcomed onto the Parent Council.
- Siobhan White offered to continue for a further year as Chair but Jack McLean advised that he would have to stand down as Clerk to the Parent Council due to other work commitments. Carol Nurbhai intimated that she was willing to undertake the roll of Clerk going forward. No other nominations for these positions were received so both were confirmed in these roles for a further year.



6 Lenzie Academy PTA

A review of PTA accounts was not possible at this meeting and an undertaking was made to have them provided at a future meeting.

7 AOCB

No other business was raised.

8 Closure Of Meeting

Mrs White thanked everyone for their attendance and participation. She advised that details of future meetings and the next AGM would be circulated in due course.