

*Laxdale Primary School  
Parent Council*



Connecting the Parents  
To The Staff and Pupils

Minutes Wednesday 3 September 2019  
6.30pm

Present: Mairi Macleod , Christine Campbell, David Mackay, Amanda Macleod, Tiina Macleod, Chrissie Clelland, Rachel Macleod-Drummond, Murray Macleod, Claire Campbell, Angela Murray, Richard Tarves

Apologies: Sharon Reid, Cathie Stewart

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion and Agreements</b>
<b>1. Uniform</b>	<p>We are looking at setting up an online system on the school website to make it easier to track stock numbers and payments.</p> <p>There may also be the option for payments to be made through bank transfer.</p> <p>There will be an extra £12 per month charge for this system.</p> <p>Parents will be notified of changes to uniform ordering once everything is in place. It will also be communicated that if anyone has any issues with the uniform to contact the parent council and let us know. If there is a quality issue we should be sending the items back to the supplier.</p>
<b>2. Fruit</b>	<p>The Parent Council will continue to fund the free fruit for P1 – P3 pupils.</p> <p>We will change supplier from Williamsons to Gaelpak.</p> <p>Delivery of fruit will be on a Tuesday.</p> <p>We will not be ordering oranges as these were not being eaten.</p>
<b>3. Bag Packing</b>	<p>The Parent Council have been given a slot for bag packing from the Co-op, Macaulay Road on Friday 20 September at 1am – 6.30pm.</p> <p>Letters will be sent out to parents asking for them to volunteer to help. It will also be put onto our Facebook page.</p>
<b>4. Website</b>	<p>It was asked if the Parent Council could have a separate tab on the school website instead of being under 'councils'. This was agreed.</p>
<b>5. Donations</b>	<p>There has been £1750 donated to the Parent Council by three councillor's.</p>
<b>6. Fundraising</b>	<p>The P7 pupils have fundraising every month until Christmas.</p> <p>It was agreed we would host a bonfire/fireworks on Friday 1 November. Pupils are writing a letter to ask permission to use</p>

	a nearby croft.
<b>7. Head Teachers Report</b>	<p><b><u>Welcomed all pupils back.</u></b>  There are 18 new P1 pupils.  11 pupils in English, 7 in Gaelic class.</p> <p>Explained that there are composite classes throughout the school this year apart from p7.  Nursery numbers are high.</p> <p><b><u>Cut to Support Staff</u></b>  There has been a cut to support staff – they are 3 days short of support staff compared to last year. This is having a profound effect on the school. Parent Council will write a letter expressing the concerns regarding this issue.</p> <p><b><u>House Captains/Sports Council</u></b>  There were interviews for pupils for House Captains and Sports Council. Pupils were given three questions to answer and were given points based on their answer. The chosen pupils were elected.</p> <p><b><u>School Projects</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Raising attainment in numeracy and giving the pupils confidence in numeracy work.</li> <li>- The school has paid £400 to get the Rights Respecting School award and hope to achieve a silver in this.</li> <li>- Achieved Go for Gold last year.</li> <li>- Eco-Schools Flag – the school have achieved the green flag which is hung up on the walls within the school.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Outdoor Learning</u></b>  Around the polytunnel needs tidied up. This is a brilliant resource that is used by both pupils in the school and the Sgoil Araich.</p> <p><b><u>Drama for GM5-7</u></b>  It was asked that the Parent Council fund a trip to the drama for GM5-7 pupils at the end of September – approx. £120. This was agreed.</p> <p><b><u>Rationale for Laxdale Primary School</u></b>  CNES and HMIE are looking for an updated rationale curriculum. We took some time to look at this and gave our opinions. Parents, Staff and Pupils are given the chance to be involved in this process.</p> <p>Currently the school motto is:  Working Together for Good.</p>

<b>8. Date of next meeting</b>	AGM – Tuesday 1 October 2019 at 6.30pm