



Langholm Academy Cluster - Parent Council Meeting & AGM

Meeting date: 10/10/22

Meeting time: 6.30pm – 8pm

Present:	Colin Cox (Chair)	Apologies:	Zoe Brown
	James Kay (Head Pupil)		Kim Foster
	Lauren McLean-Gill (Head Teacher)		Tracey Goodfellow
	Kayla McVittie (Deputy Head Pupil)		Aileen Grant
	Kate Miller (Depute Head)		Tracy Little
	Jake Park (Deputy Head Pupil)		Gregor Park
	Emma Robb		Karen Vidler
	Fiona Smith		
	Kate Smith		
	Harry Stevens (Vice Chair)		
	Sarah Stevens (Head Pupil)		
	Colin Waitt		
	Mary Waitt		
	Carol Wilson (Depute Head)		

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. **Approval of the Annual Report** - Presentation by Colin Cox

Colin talked through PowerPoint presentation (attached)



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Colin asked for committee to accept the notes and presentation as a record of the year.

ALL AGREED

2. **Annual Accounts** – Colin Cox

Colin presented the Annual Accounts as part of the Annual Report.

Colin asked for approval of the annual accounts **ALL AGREED**

3. **Appointment of Reviewer of Accounts**

Suggestion that Claire Kingstree do this. **ALL AGREED**

4. **Proposed Amendments to the Constitution**

None submitted

5. **Any Resolutions submitted by Parent Forum members**

None submitted

6. Election of Members

Agreed that membership should remain open to all.

AGM closed at 6.45 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING

1. Election of Office Bearers

Colin Cox – Chair

Harry Stevens – Vice Chair

Tracy Little – Treasurer

TBC – Secretary **(Action: Colin Cox to seek a Secretary from the wider group)**

2. Head Pupil team priorities

The Head Pupil team reported on their key priorities for the coming year, including pupil involvement (noting that the Pupil Council has now grown significantly and many more people are keen to be involved). Preparations are underway for the Christmas dance and lots of fundraising is being carried out.

3. Future plans for improving parental involvement

Discussion took place on ways in which the Parent Council can do more to engage with parents. Agreed:

- Communication to be sent round the whole Parent Forum to introduce the role of the Parent Council with examples of how parental involvement has change school policy or practice, and a brief survey about what people want to see from the Council, what their priorities are and what they could potentially offer **(Action: Colin Cox)**
- Review the content of the Parent Council section of the Cluster website **(Action: Colin Cox)**
- Parent Council members to attend future parent evenings and wider family learning events to talk to other parents about what they might want from future engagement **(Action: Colin Cox to email dates to PC members to seek volunteers)**
- Parent Council members to seek to recruit additional members directly **(Action: All)**
- Head Pupil team to engage with Pupil Council to get them to promote attendance with parents **(Action: Head Pupil Team)**

4. Head Teacher's Report

Lauren McLean-Gill shared a report setting out school priorities including implementation of the "Rights respecting school" concept, a proposal to update the positive behaviour policy, the (attached) Standards and Quality Report for 2021/22 (setting out pupil achievements during the previous year and the work undertaken to increase the range of subjects available and the standard number of subjects studied) and a proposed new anti-bullying policy for Parent Council consideration (also attached).



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Colin asked about the potential for Parent Council members to be involved in the development of the positive behaviour policy from an earlier stage; this was agreed. **(Action: Kate Millar to liaise with Mr Atkinson regarding this; Colin Cox to seek involvement from Parent Council members).**

5. Study Skills and Metacognition

Kate Millar shared the work that has been going on to support pupils in the senior phase with improving their study skills, helping them to think about how they can best learn, and practically preparing them for upcoming exams. Discussion took place about the challenge in getting through some of the subjects in the time available, particularly for maths.

6. Primary priorities

Carol Wilson outlined key priorities for the primary schools in the cluster over the coming months including greater involvement with outdoor learning and a range of events in the run-up to Christmas.

7. Any other business

Kate Smith raised concerns about security at Canonbie, which has limited fencing, making it difficult to keep people both in and out as necessary. Lauren McLean Gill noted that this has been looked at in the past and it had been determined by the Council Estates Team that it met the necessary standards, but she committed to raising it again and to get it picked up by the Estates Team at the next Canonbie Parent Council meeting. **(Action: Lauren McLean Gill)**