

Llanhari Primary Parent Council

"Together we
care, share
and achieve"



Please find below a copy of the minutes from our Parent Council meeting. Parent council members are happy to raise any questions and concerns you may have. Please feel free to speak to them about any issues raised in these minutes.

Minutes of meeting - 12th February 2018

Present: Lynne Hill (Class 4+6), Gareth Emery (Class 6), Jodie Gibbons (Class 5)

Apologies: Claire Hunt (Class 3+4), Nisha Price (Class 3+7), Vicky Morrow (Class 3+4),

Agenda:

- New Curriculum for Wales - 4 core purposes
- Successful elements of the school
- Questions from parents

New curriculum for Wales - 4 core purposes

Parent Council members looked at the 4 core purposes of the new curriculum for Wales:

1. Ambitious, capable learners who are ready to learn throughout their lives.
2. Enterprising, creative contributors who are ready to play a full part in life and work.
3. Ethical informed citizens who are ready to be citizens of Wales and the world.
4. Healthy, confident individuals who are ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

They looked at the skills and attributes we would like our pupils to have (chosen in the last meeting) and allocated them into one of the four purposes. All the skills and attributes parents had chosen fitted into one or more of the categories, with an even distribution in each. These will now form the basis of our 'Values and Aims' statements that teaching staff will now look at.

Successful elements of the school

Parents were asked to bring to the meeting any positive elements that they think the school does well. These included:

- We are categorised 'Green' by Welsh Government again
- Christmas concerts were a success
- Christmas cinema night - we hope to run another one just before Easter.
- The continued success of the girls football team
- The trip to Cardiff Castle for class 3+4

Questions from parents

Parent council members raised a number of questions and discussed issues of concern:

- Sickness: Who decides if a child is sent home sick?

School response: The class teacher will usually decide if a child needs to go home. If the child has a high temperature, sickness or diaoreah we will ask the parents to collect ASAP. If a child is just a little unwell we will try to keep them in school if possible. We work with lots of parents who will inform us if their child is a little unwell and maybe had paracetamol before school.

- Disco: Why was the Valentine disco arranged last minute?

School response: As we have said on a number of occasions, our PTA numbers have dwindled and without parent support we cannot run events. We were not going to hold a disco because of the lack of parents available but after a last minute push for support by Mrs Fender we rounded up enough helpers to ensure it went ahead.

- Homework: Why is there a lack of homework from classes?

School response: It was decided following questionnaires to parents that only maths and spelling/reading would be sent home on a regular basis. Additional home tasks may be set by the teachers related to their topic. Abacus maths is available for all pupils to access and all pupils have a reading book to read on a daily basis. Can I remind parents that research shows that homework in primary school has no impact on their learning. Year 6 may have increased home tasks to prepare them for transition to secondary school.

Language: Can we remind parents not to use bad language on the playground?

School response: Yes, please be mindful of other parents and young children on the yard who may be offended.

Next meeting:

Date of next meeting: Monday 26th March 2018