

**MINUTES OF LANGHOLM ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL  
MEETING  
MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2008**

**Present:**     **Richard Morrison**             -     **Chairperson**  
              **Emma Neil**                     -     **Headteacher**  
              **Janet Sabuldihin**           -     **Treasurer**  
              **Committee Members**       -     **Jackie Fletcher, Jacqueline**  
**Graham, Diane Hay, Archie Hyslop, Anthony Lane, Joyce Bell.**

**Representatives from the Pupil Council.**

**Apologies:**   **Christine Calvert**

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- 1. Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; Emma introduced members of the pupil council.**
  
  - 2. Chair asked members of the pupil council what were their likes/dislikes of the school and what challenges they found as a representative of the pupil council?**

**3. Pupil Council:**

**Likes:**

- **They feel they have more choice of options than larger schools.**
- **Teachers have more time for them and show an interest.**
- **Everyone is willing to help, people have time for you.**
- **Good school achievement record.**
- **Good support and respect from other pupils especially the older age group.**
- **Smaller classes as you get older, good pupil/teacher relationships.**

**Dislikes:**

- **Smell from boys toilets.**
- **No social area for years S1, 2&3.**

**Challenges:**

- Keeping everyone happy.
  - The ability to encourage everyone to bring his or her ideas forward.
4. The chair asked the pupil council if there was anything the parent council could do to support/assist them with. They requested our help with looking into the possibility of helping them fund/build an outdoor covered area with table and benches for pupils to eat their lunch under.
  5. Emma Neil showed the parent/pupil council around the new HE department.
  6. Emma Neil discussed how the staff responded when the school was flooded two weeks ago. She agreed that a new procedures/contingency plan was needed in case of any other future disasters/emergencies at the school. Emma will draw up a plan and present to the parent council for approval.
  7. NEXT MEETING  
  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at 7.30pm