MINUTES OF LANGHOLM ACADEMY
PARENT COUNCIL Policy Group MEETING
MONDAY 18th January, 2010

Present:	**Emma Neil**	**-**	**Head teacher**
	Richard Morrison	**-**	**Chairman**
	Archie Hyslop	**-**	**Secretary**
	Christine Calvert	**-**	**Assistant Secretary**
	Jacqueline Graham	**-**	**Treasurer**
	Committee Members		
	Anthony Lane, Diane Hay,		

Emma opened meeting and discussed the school closure due to the recent snow. She discussed communication links and the PC was of the opinion that the group call system had been very successful with calls being received in sufficient time to enable parents to organise alternative childcare. This pattern had not been repeated over D&G with some parents only being informed of school closures when they were already enroute.

Further to our previous discussion regarding homework, it was not possible to have one single structure for all different subjects. She intended to develop a sustained approach to embody the ideals within the Curriculum for Success. She is looking at the implementation of moving towards discovery learning for up to 3rd year pupils with homework projects and an end of term presentation. We then had a detailed discussion on the Curriculum for Excellence and its implementation for S1 pupils. She also intends to develop a homework policy for S4 pupils onward in conjunction with normal work. Pupils, parents and staff will soon be receiving a QED form and its purpose was discussed. Emma was pleased to advise that there will be no staffing cuts this year. There will be 42 S3 pupils next year and this will have an effect on the range of options available. 4th – 6th year reports are due out next week. HT is considering changing the period times and is investigating the possibility of dividing the day into 20 minute segments, i.e 40, 60 or 80 minute classes. She also intends to stop registration at the beginning of the day as pupils are registered in each class. With the proposals for CfE Emma firmly believes exciting times are ahead for education in Langholm.

Date of next joint meeting
Monday 8th February at 7pm.
Date of next Policy Group meeting
Monday 8th March at 7pm