**Woodfarm High School**

**Parent Partnership**

**Minutes of Meeting held on Zoom on 19 May 2021**

**Present:**

Jonathan Edgar (Chairperson)

Karen Gurling (Vice Chairperson)

Angela Cairns (Treasurer)

Nicola MacGlashan (Headteacher)

Ryan McAllister (Depute Head Teacher)

Gillian Boyle (Acting Head Teacher – joined at the start of the meeting)

Caroline Brocklehurst

Eileen Cabuk

Labiba Ghafur

Jacqui Grant

Lorna Griffin

Nathalie LeMarrec

Geraldine Linden

Ian Linden

David Miller

Shaheen Rashid

Rolf Roscher

Tim Sharpe

Fiona Walker

Gladys

Allan Steele (Secretary)

**Apologies:**

Richard Phelan

**1. Chairperson’s Welcome**

Jonathan Edgar opened the meeting and welcomed all members of the Parent Partnership and all staff. A warm welcome was made for the incoming headteacher, Gillian Boyle.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

**3. Fundraising**

***Uniforms***

Jacqui Grant confirmed that she had no update to her most recent email regarding uniforms. Jacqui intends to contact the three feeder primary schools regarding uniforms.

***New Suggestions***

Jacqui confirmed that she was happy to receive further suggestions. Jonathan thanked Jacqui for her excellent efforts.

**4. Headteacher’s Report**

***New Headteacher / Staffing changes***

Nicola MacGlashan confirmed that 0n 01 June Gillian Boyle will join the school with a view to taking over as the acting headteacher later in the summer. Mrs MacGlashan will take up a new post at Williamwood High School.

Mrs MacGlashan confirmed that after a long career at the school, Ronnie Hillis will be retiring to embark on the next chapter of his life. It is hoped that this significant departure will be marked in an appropriate manner.

It was also noted that John Stuart would be returning to Woodfarm High School, as one of the depute headteachers after a 2 year secondment.

***Parents’ Evenings – S1 and S3***

Parents’ Evenings for S1 and S3 will take place on 03 and 10 June respectively.

***New Intake***

Ryan McAllister provided an update on ongoing liaison with children from P7 in the feeder primary schools.

***ACM Results – S4, S5 and S6***

ACM assessment results for S4, S5 and S6 will be released on 16 June to Glow email accounts.

***Graduation***

The official leaving date for young people moving on this year will be 31 May. A mini graduation ceremony is being planned for early June. Eileen Cabuk asked if there would be a recording of the ceremony. Mrs MacGlashan agreed to raise the suggestion with the young people. Hoodies will be issued in due course.

***Gratitude to Mrs MacGlashan***

Jonathan expressed thanks to Mrs MacGlashan and congratulated her on her new post at Williamwood High School. Various attendees expressed heartfelt gratitude to Mrs MacGlashan and what she has achieved during her tenue at Woodfarm High School. This was echoed by all in attendance.

***Next Year’s Timetable***

Caroline Brocklehurst asked if there will be a discussion regarding the timetable for next year. Mrs MacGlashan confirmed that there is still opportunity to alter choices for next year.

***Grading***

Caroline asked about grading. Mrs MacGlashan confirmed that an holistic approach will be taken.

Mrs MacGlashan expressed her admiration for how the young people had coped over a very difficult year.

Geraldine Linden expressed concern about the timing of exams.

Caroline, Shaheen Rashid and Allan Steele all voiced concerns about potential injustice to young people regarding results and the need to guard against it before it becomes an issue.

**5. AOCB**

***Litter Collection in the Community***

Allan Steele proposed that the Parent Partnership starts litter collection activity in the area around the school, in coordination with staff and pupils. His suggestion was that the community see Woodfarm High School as a solution to litter issues rather than a cause. This was met with wide approval. Geraldine and Jonathan agreed to be volunteers. Tim Sharpe agreed to speak with Allan about how such an activity may be developed as a fundraising opportunity.

Mrs MacGlashan confirmed that similar activity is already underway and that Allan may wish to liaise with Richard Phelan.

***Gratitude to Jonathan and Other Long Term Members***

The meeting concluded with thanks to Jonathan as the now outgoing chair (having served for the maximum 4-year period). His efforts and those of the other long-standing members who are to move on – Eileen Cabuk, Lorna Griffin and Labiba Ghafur - was applauded. It was recognised that each of these members had been very committed to the school, had worked incredibly hard and had clearly worked for the best for the pupils, teachers and parents over these many years. Very best wishes were exchanged all round and an emotional goodbye was said to Mrs MacGlashan.

***Closing***

The meeting was typically professional, caring and good natured. The incoming chair, Karen Gurling stated how she was looking forward to carrying on the excellent leadership of Jonathan and others.

Date of next scheduled meeting to be confirmed.

Allan Steele

Secretary

Woodfarm High School Parent Partnership