

Parent Council Minutes

Date: 09/01/23

Present: Fiona Johnston (Head Teacher), Nikki Winning (Chairperson), Michelle Stewart, Michelle Hyslop, Rebecca Murray, Nicola Pennycook, Erin Love (S6), Nabila Nas, Lorraine More, Grant Maybury (DHT), Claire Hendry, Michelle Hyslop, Julie Cameron, Cheryl Cumming, Nicola Pennycook, Wendy Moultrie, Nuzhat Uthmani, David Frame, Nabila Riaz.

Apologies: Mary Turbun, Bronia Korabinski, Kathryn Foye, Lorna Thomson

Notes of discussion	Action points
1. Previous minutes	
Minutes: Proposed by Rebecca Murray. Seconded by Nicola Pennycook.	
2. Parent Chair Report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and wishing of a happy New Year • Parent Council was asked to submit a response to proposed budget cuts. A letter was agreed and submitted by the office bearers of Parent Council. • Parents Equality Conference at Woodfarm Wednesday 18th January at 7pm exploring decolonising the curriculum. 	Event to be shared via facebook and email to parents.
3. Treasurer report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change from last meeting. 	Visit to the bank agreed for 21 st January in order to change treasurer details with the bank.
4. S6 Leadership Update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School show took place in December. First time this has occurred since COVID. This was positive and good to see younger year groups participating. The feedback was very positive. • Foodbank drive was also successful and the charities initiative will continue throughout the year. Erin Love thanked parents/carers for their support. • Pupil Voice update. There are now Pastoral Class representatives who will discuss issues across the school. This is where pupil representatives will have a regular meeting with SLT to share their opinions and what could improve learner experience in school. • Prelims are forthcoming. Supported study has been offered and encouragement from parents would be much appreciated. These will take place for S5/6 this month. • Burns Supper will take place on Friday 20th January. This will be led by S6s and will involve speeches over lunchtime in the canteen. • Learning Ambassadors will have the opportunity to participate in lesson observations. Learning Ambassadors have created a video to explain the process which has been shared on the Education Scotland website. • Learner enquiry will be taking place in conjunction with Strathclyde University to monitor and measure the effectiveness of learner experiences and share learner voice in learning and teaching. • Participatory budget was voted on by learners across the school. It was decided that the fund should go towards supper study to support learners to study. • PSHE and Social Subjects Curriculum to promote racial equality and diversity across the school. • Chair thanked Erin Love for her report. 	Parents to encourage young people to participate in leadership opportunities.

3. Head Teacher Update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff thanked for organising range of Christmas events. • Barrhead High secured funding from Cash for Kids again for families at Christmas. Staff also raised £700 which will be used to support families during January. • Reminder of strike dates on 11th and 24th January. No further proposed dates at the moment. • Option choice process will begin at the end of the month for S2/S4 and S5. Parents will be invited to attend an information event on the 26th January. • S5/6 prelim schedule shared with all. Staff continue to offer supported study. Mentoring support also in place. • Holocaust assemblies will be delivered by S6 learners who visited Auschwitz. • Art & Design and Music Open Evening will take place on 15th February. This will be an event to showcase S4/S5/S6 achievements. <p>Focus continues to be on delivering excellent and consistent learning and teaching.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLT have a monthly focus to review S1 and S2 this session. Peer visits continue to take place to provide coaching support and feedback to encourage collaboration. • Learners will continue to be involved in the visits to identify good practice. • Sharing good practice sessions continue. <p>Curriculum rationale and design update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed review of 4 capacities and consultation with all. The capacities will be our purpose. • Audit with staff in February Inset to review current curriculum and consider the 'what' of the curriculum. • Film shared to launch our new vision. 	<p>Cost of living crisis support to continue to be promoted in bulletin.</p> <p>Families to continue to encourage learners to attend supported study.</p>
Workshop	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parental Engagement Workshop – A focus on Parent Council and the reasons individuals may seek to engage with the school. • The aim is to develop school approaches to engaging parents across a variety of backgrounds and from a range of areas in the community. • Future workshops also discussed. G. Maybury will share summary feedback at the next meeting. 	
4. AOB	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion around including a diversity training from Nuzhat Uthmani and Nabila Riaz. NU and NR to discuss the possibility of events for staff, parents and learners to share issues related to race and sharing lived experience of young people. • Discussion around promoting Parent Council to others. Consideration given to offering a space at primary parents' nights to showcase the work of Parent Council. Offered a regular space for Parent Council to provide an update in the parental bulletin. 	