



## Minutes of Williamwood High School Parent Council meeting

**20/6/22**

Attending: Simon Cunningham, Ben Harrison, Nicola MacGlashan, Marie Owens, Susan Miller, Maria Voy, Gillian Griffith, Laura McNulty, Lisa Gold, Fizza Kaneeza, Cllr Kate Campbell, Cllr Annette Ireland, Cllr Katie Pragnell, Hazel Dobbie, Rikki Khannan,

Apologies: Debbie O'Shea,

Previous Minutes: Approved – Hazel Dobie      Seconded – Susan Miller

<u>Discussion point</u>	<b>Action point</b>
<p>School update -</p> <p>SQA – exams are finished and they went well considering this was the first diet in many years due to Covid.</p> <p>S6 prom – Central Hotel – an enjoyable evening was had by all.</p> <p>P7 induction and parents evening has occurred and have been well received by all.</p> <p>School Captains – 2 leaders have been appointed and the process is now looking at Deputes.</p> <p>The focus for next year is on working together – with parents, young people &amp; staff.</p> <p>Staff have been looking at 2022-23 school year and planning the school improvement plan. The main drive is improving learning &amp; teaching – bringing fun into the class and creating a sense of belonging which was diluted due to Covid.</p> <p>Collegiate events for staff will have different focus all centred around learning from each other to improve the outcomes for all young people.</p> <p>Several partners will be working with staff next year on learning and teaching including OSIRIS, Mark Burns and Bruce Robertson.</p> <p>Consultation with the parent body re pulse surveys have been taken on board, listened to the feedback and a revamp of our communications will be in place next year. Parents' Night – format will be changing – listened to the parental feedback &amp; there will a hybrid approach which will be explained to all next year but extensively it is a mix of online, face-to-face and a new style of reports. Reports – are changing and will be improved for the young person &amp; parents. Schools use one system for BGE – 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> years and another for S4, 5 &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> so they will always look slightly different but this is a system issue. The important aspect is the information is meaningful to parents and outlines progress and next steps. We will be looking at a holistic approach of the child – the teachers having an overview of all areas within the school.</p>	

There was a discussion re cut & paste approach of the old reports, which is not acceptable. This new approach to communication is a trial next year; staff are nervous & welcome feedback from the parent body but the intentions are positive and forward thinking so we hope it works well and everyone feels that they have been listened to.

PC feel this is a good positive response, involvement of the young people is a huge bonus and involved in the quality & standards report. Focus on the positive – feed that back to the parents.

Example given by a PC member is that the transitional work between the feeder schools & W'wood which is really positive compared to other schools.

Discussions re clubs especially for S3, due to the change for covid – the school will change the perception of extra-curricular events so that all year groups feel included.

The intention next year is to share the positive feedback and events that take place across the school – newsletters which are new within 2022, this is when the school needs to share. The school are going to look at who needs to know, how can the school share this with young people, families & parent council and promote the achievements more.

Parent council – needs to get the message out more – within minutes & to share within the website.

Parent council – to look at how we communicate with the parent body.

Staffing update – A lot of staff have been successful in promotion, deputy Head - Mrs Gibson is now emigrating and her post will be advertised permanently in August. PC to be involved in the recruitment – ERC hold recruitment training for PC members to be part of the recruitment panel. Anyone who is interested to link with Simon as the Parent council require more members who are trained to be able to support the school.

NQTs for 2022-23 – 12 allocated to W'wood, which is a positive balance for the school.

Pupil Support – changes – there are 8 Principal Teachers taking on this role next year and as this is an increase of 1 member of staff we now need to look at the caseload for the 8 PTs. The caseloads have been separated to ensure equality of workload. Info will come from school prior to the end of term regarding caseloads. Eilidh Briggs – Acting Principal Teacher Development linked to developing the young workforce (DYW) – has been doing excellent work with the young people which will be carried on to 22-23.

There are 2 new posts – one Maths & one English as transitional teachers linking with the cluster schools planning, and teaching together for the full year next year.

Support for Learning – new Principal Teacher has been appointed to W'Wood and starts in August 2022.

<p>First Bus – morning bus is now reinstated – thanks to the dedication and hard work of Cllr Annette Ireland. All present agreed that the White Star bus is no longer required due to the reinstatement of the morning bus. Free bus pass – young people can now access the free bus pass; the forms are really difficult.</p>	
<p>Parent council meeting format – looking at the year ahead. As constituted by council we require the formal aspect of the meeting to go ahead, however we plan to change the format. First 5 mins – official, 20 minutes PC update, 30 minutes – school update with a topic or a guest speaker with a more relaxed, discursive approach to the meeting.</p> <p>Rikki to continue to update / research re Slak channel (like whatsapp for business), good comms, allows sub- groups, increase the quality of comms. To look at continuing the hybrid approach to enable all to participate – microphone / potential conference call speaker. This to be looked at alongside the PTA.</p> <p>Discussion – earlier meeting? Day of the meeting? Format?  7pm – discussed or 6.30pm. <b><u>7pm confirmed</u></b> Do we look at the day? Alternate between Monday / Wednesday? <b><u>–confirmed Monday</u></b></p> <p>School hopes to “open” the school again to parents post covid for events, open evenings &amp; general involvement.</p> <p><b><u>AGM – move to June</u></b> (last meeting of school year)  Confirmed - <b><u>5 meetings per year, Monday’s – 7pm</u></b> – 4 per term, 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to be a joint meeting with PTA</p> <p>Yearly dates to be sent out to all by the end of year. – proposed dates:  <b><u>Term 1 – 22<sup>nd</sup> August 22</u></b>  <b><u>Term 2 – 28<sup>th</sup> November 22</u></b>  <b><u>Term 3 – 20<sup>th</sup> February 22</u></b>  <b><u>Term 4 – 12<sup>th</sup> June 22 (meeting and AGM)</u></b>  5<sup>th</sup> meeting tbc with the PTA</p>	
<p>S6 skirts –  Legacy from the last s6’s – good comms from the teacher to all S6 parents following limited information. New S6 Skirt can be worn alongside the black skirt / trousers – this is the pupils choice.</p>	
<p>Uniform Exchange  Good quality uniform can be handed into the school office at the end of term to go to the Uniform exchange, free event for anyone .  Poster will be sent out with all details – 31<sup>st</sup> July 1-4pm Aidens Brae Scout hall, Volunteers welcomed for the 31<sup>st</sup> July.  If PC members can share this within their personal Whatsapp groups.</p>	
<p>Simon thanked all for their hard work and involvement in the Parent Council and wished everyone a lovely summer.</p>	