

## Bellahouston Academy Parent Council Minutes

Monday 25 November 2024

Bellahouston Academy

Attendees: Vanessa Redmond (Chair), Barry Mochan, Carol Cutler, Kashfa Haroon, Steven Paxton, Allanna Kelly, Syma Shah (via phone)

Apologies: Sam Miller, Rob Cussons

### Agenda

#### 1. Head Teacher update

The school newsletter was shared in advance to provide an update(attached). The following updates were noted:

- The parental engagement sessions, which had been changed this year, were receiving good feedback, in particular the interactive elements in the faculties.
- The wide range of supported study and masterclasses was highlighted.
- The school has been trialling multiyear group tutor sessions, but this had not been working as hoped and alternative options, including a wider look at the role of tutor time, would be taking place.
- The importance of a wide range of options being made available in the senior phase, including apprenticeships was noted. It was recognised that opportunities needed to be available on an equitable and inclusive basis, and that potentially the parent council could support identifying opportunities e.g. for work experience or for sharing information about career paths.
- School wide efforts for curricular enrichment had been sustained well, with many examples included in the newsletter.

#### 2. Learning and Teaching policy

Mt Mochan presented using the slides attached. The discussion provided the opportunity for attendees to reflect on their own experiences of teaching, and the range of pedagogical approaches that were being used across the school to respond to the needs of different learners, and ensure that lessons were engaging and effective.

#### 3. Planning

Agenda items for January (options for the school day and tutor time) and March (Developing the Young workforce/pathways in and after the senior phase) were agreed.

#### 4. AOB

Date of next meeting - Monday 13th January 2025 6 - 7.30