

Hillhead High School

Parent Council Meeting

Monday 27th February 2017 @ 6:30pm

Parent Council Member: Sylvia Warnecke; Chiara Cipollari; Nicola Kerr; Gordana Nesterovic; Bernie Mitchell; Tariq Ishaq; Chirsty Hamilton, Catriona Futter.

Teaching Staff: Karen McAlaney (head Teacher); Mrs Douglas; Ms Kerr.

Parent Forum: 4 members of the parent forum

Apologies – Robina, Kirsty

Topic	To do
1- Previous Minutes. S3 Subject choices – there is still time to add comments and columns. The subject choices are as yet not final. Sinead is working on updating the school website.	
2- Head Teachers Report. See Report Attached. Mr Wight sent chocolates and a thank you card to the PC. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Steven Neil appointed Deputy Head of 5th & 6th Year, Mr Brown 4th Year. Congratulations to both for their appointments.• Mr Neil consulting with pupils and teachers on attainment, a suggestion is to have an overview of the learning outcomes of each higher/Nat5/Nat4.• NIF- National Improvement Framework & pupil equity fund discussion• SQA Study app – SAM, excellent tips on studying and is recommended by my teachers.• Supported study afterschool timetable will be posted on the school website.• UASP – SQA are publishing new guidelines on Higher & Nat 5 assessments. There will be changes in the assessment practices from next year. Pupils will be informed of any changes.	<i>Mr. Wight's message to the PC.</i> <i>Thank you so much for the beautiful gifts and the very generous overnight stay at Ross Priory – the perfect present for someone interested in golf. I was humbled by the send off at the end of the term, this is a special memory that I will always treasure. I would also like to thank all of you in the Parent Council/ Parent Forum for all your kind words and messages. The box of farewell letters – what a beautiful idea, I still read them from time to time and it reminds me of why I love HHS! I thank you for your kindness and continued support over the last 8 years. The impact of your involvement and engagement was so much appreciated and made a tremendous difference to the success of the school. A special mention to Jo, Sarie, Sylvia and Chiara for their role in chairing the Council. My very best wishes to all.</i> <i>Willie</i>
3. Fundraising Bernie had kindly arranged a meeting with Anita Manning, Mr Wight & Karen. Anita Manning has kindly offered to host an 'Antique Roadshow' type fundraising event and her grandson Luca (a current S6 pupil) has offered to sing. Bernie will gather more information – it is hoped a PC subgroup will be formed to support this fundraising. All money will be donated to the School Prize giving. Sylvia informed that the PC has also donated £900 this year towards the Prize giving fund. Karen will clarify how much the school needs each year for the prize giving.	Sub group was formed Sylvia and Robina to meet regarding advertising and ticket selling

<p>Jolene Crawford, another member of the Parent Forum, kindly offered to organise a concert event as a fundraiser, where our pupils perform for parents and other guests but are also involved in the advertising of the event. This could be planned for some time in late summer/early autumn 2017.</p>	
<p>4. AOCB</p> <p>1- MVP Volunteers During the 23rd and 24th February about 20 HHS students (S3 and S4) have been trained to become Mentors in Violence Prevention. The 2 day training was held at St. Ninan's Church with the supervision of a group of teachers and some parents for the PC. Students have participated with great effort and enthusiasm and the results have been very excellent. They will bring their expertise to younger students during PSE lessons. The aim is to help young people to recognise violent behaviour, through discussions about the issue of victim blaming and to ensure that participants are aware that the only person to blame for abuse is the abuser.</p> <p>2- Open University – directed self study. The school is offering S6 pupils spaces for the 2017-2018 session on their programme of YASS courses. These are a wide range of level 1 Open University courses, which our pupils can study for free and which will give them a very good preparation for university study. This, among other things, addresses requests made by parents for more choice of subjects and courses for S6 pupils. Part of the YASS programme are language courses, the study of which will allow the students to reach either level A1 or level A2 of the Common European Reference Framework for Language Learning, which will in turn enable them to sit an exam at this level and gain another qualification. More information can be found here: http://www.open.ac.uk/scotland/study/young-applicants-schools</p>	
<p>Date of next meeting: 24 April 2017, 6.30 p.m., Chinese Hub at Hillhead High School</p> <p>The minutes are posted also on the PC website.</p>	<p>Please get in touch with the parent council chair in the meantime with any questions/comments you might have by email s.warnecke@open.ac.uk</p>