

Minutes - Parent Council Meeting, 12 June 2017, 6.30 p.m., Hillhead High School

Parent Council Member: Sylvia Warnecke (Chair), Catriona Futter; Tariq Ishaq; Chiara Cipollari; Bernie Mitchell.

Teaching Staff: Karen McAlaney (head Teacher); Mrs Douglas; Ms Cuthbertson; Mr Neil; Ms Kerr; Mr Gemmill; Ms Ayton

Parent forum: [Ruth Downes, Marie-Therese Martin, Sally Swadel, Nicolas Labrosse, Claire MacLaverty] 5 members of the parent forum

Apologies: Gordana Nesterovic, Chirsty Hamilton, Jolene Crawford, Lordana Prezioso, Kirsty Maslen, Andrew Pidgeon.

Topic	To do
<p>1 – S6 Induction initiative</p> <p>Mr Steven Neil reported on a very successful week on the theme of values, responsibility and commitment. Included: presentations on the OU (39 pupils registered interest); workshops on growth mindset and resilience, including developing an initiative for the new S1 in Aug 2017; volunteering/mentoring (63 pupils volunteered); challenge day; volunteer tutor organisation (35 applicants); Tree of Knowledge; the Anthony Nolan Trust; input from parents and the Tennents Training academy on life skills. All very positively received as a great start to the new S6.</p>	<p>Programme will be rolled out every year to the new S6.</p> <p>Option of exploring a 2 day event for S5.</p> <p>Evaluation from pupils to follow, which will be passed on to the PC.</p> <p>Explore option of similar parental input at a Careers Fair – to be discussed.</p>
<p>2- Head Teacher's report</p> <p>See Report Attached. Will also be various additional reports from the very positive Education Scotland visit on 15/5/17. New website will be launched by the end of this term. Video of health week events will be on the website, plus new blogs from various departments.</p> <p>Discussion of whether to host the post prize giving reception this year, which has been poorly attended.</p> <p>Selection for sports day was discussed, as this is not clear, and is currently subjective based on views of PE staff.</p> <p>Bernie raised concern about the impact of the recent Governance review, and the expectations on staff and their increased workload.</p>	<p>PC members asked to give feedback on the blogs to ensure they contain the information that parents are looking for.</p> <p>Ms McAlaney will discuss options with staff and PC.</p> <p>Mr Gemmil to pursue more objective selection process, that increases pupil motivation and participation in sports.</p> <p>Consider joining with other PCs to voice our concern to the City Council of staff overload.</p>
<p>3 – Review of Fundraiser 25 May</p> <p>Very successful Antiques roadshow with Anita Manning, despite low attendance. Low attendance partly due to the weather, and the timing (evening before long weekend)</p> <p>Approx. £530 raised. Next quiz night booked for 6/10/17.</p> <p>Suggestion via Jolene for a music festival style event, organised and run by pupils. Discussion of other fundraising options including Easy Fundraising.</p>	<p>Sylvia is liaising with Jolene on details.</p> <p>Catriona will investigate Easy Fundraising further.</p>

<p>4 – Communication, website, pathways.</p> <p>New website will be launched by the end of term. Feedback from PC taken on board, and each dept. will information on pathways, subject choices, key dates, study leave. Ms Ayton and others working on flow charts for each department, with scenarios that show options and timescales for key stages. Dept blogs will also have resource requirements, SQA past papers etc. Staff will be given allocated time and support to update blogs. Website will be linked to Twitter feed and GLOW websites.</p>	<p>Sylvia liaising with Seonaid on PC section. PC encourages feedback on website and blogs to ensure that they contain the information parents are looking for.</p>
<p>5 – Observation of religious celebrations</p> <p>Tariq raised the issue of observance of Ramadan, and dispensation for pupils not wanting to take part in PE. There is a consensus on this to all staff and staff are supportive. This message is not necessarily reaching pupils.</p>	<p>Mr Gemmill will reiterate to all PE staff that pupils should be exempt from PE during Ramadan if they choose</p>
<p>6 – Fair Trade Status HHS</p> <p>Catriona raised this, in response to a request from Kirsty Maslen. It was noted at the recent fundraiser that none of the tea/coffee/sugar was Fair Trade. Purchasing Fair Trade products through the school is too onerous to be feasible. School does not currently have FT status.</p>	<p>Possibility of running a Fair Trade stall as an MTA, and if any new staff are interested in taking this on.</p>
<p>7 – Multilingual school</p> <p>Covered in Head Teacher's report</p>	
<p>8 – AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Almost unanimous support for consultation on Notre Dame becoming co-ed from all parties. b) Survey initiative on cost of school clothing raised by Marie-Therese. Also discussed, possibility of receiving second hand uniforms at Parents Eves to be donated to those in need. Box to store these in Janitor's office. 	<p>Sylvia will post link to survey to parents, all encouraged to complete this.</p> <p>Chiara has offered to help sort uniforms. Disseminate information about this by word of mouth discretely.</p>
<p>Date of next meeting, including AGM: 28 August 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>