

Parent Council Meeting 20/11/17

Minutes

Item	To do
<p>1. School Captains Declan and Sarah</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - introduced themselves and their role in the Pupils Council to Parent Forum - expressed their intention to work closely with Parent Council - are working on making the pupils of the school more visible through social media and putting the <i>Hillhead Highlights</i> online on the new school website - parents agreed to set up email communication with the captains to share issues/ideas/approaches and organise joint events 	Sylvia to set up email communication
<p>2. Agreeing minutes from previous PC meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Headteacher specifies that the school will organise an information evening on internet security for parents with the Wheeltrust and Craig Brooks from Police Scotland in February/March 2018 	PC to advertise with parents
<p>3. School Kit Policy / John Gemmill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John presented his approach to establishing pupils' preferences with regard to the school kit policy for PE through giving pupils a greater voice in a survey on this issue - the aim of the survey was to encourage pupils to wear an easily identifiable HHS PE kit more consistently and to promote a smart image - the findings of the survey, which included the views of 684 pupils, clearly highlighted a preference for a HHS dark T-Shirt to be worn with matching dark legwear - parents highly commended the efforts to gather pupils' views in this way and discussed the questions of the cost – it was agreed that the T-Shirt but not the legwear should carry the school logo 	
<p>4. Headteacher's report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - will be attached separately - one item in the report was that Mr Richardson has produced a new version of the options booklet for the subject choice in S3. The booklet was sent to pupil and teacher reps and the PC will give feedback as well. - the Parent Council also commends the school's initiative to involve all teachers in Teacher Learning Communities across the school with a focus on improving the teaching and learning in the school, specifically addressing pedagogy and equity. The groups meet several times a year and aim at embedding consistent approaches to formative assessment in the school. This addresses concerns expressed by parents with regard to consistency in and amount of assessment, especially in the senior phase. Pupil focus groups have also been invited to evaluate the teaching and learning in the school. 	Sylvia to give feedback on the booklet draft
<p>5. Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Burns Night Ceilidh, 27/01/18, at Hillhead Sports Club - it was agreed that this event will be open to families with children 	Bernie organises the venue and entertainment

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Parent Forum also discussed the need to raise funds for other causes in the school and to undertake different kinds of activities to raise funds - it was decided to form a sub-group for this aspect of the PC's work - it was agreed that the funds we raise should be used by the SMT as they see fit, in cooperation with the PC and their priorities - suggestions for raising funds were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. funding applications to trusts b. funding from local community partners, i.e. Mosque, cultural institutions in Park Circus, local churches etc. 	<p>Robina helps with advertising</p> <p>All to gather ideas for trusts to apply to</p>
<p>6. Treasurer update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the PC bank account will be accessible in the new year following our application to transfer the signatories with the Bank of Scotland 	<p>Chiara and Sylvia to complete the process</p>
<p>7. A.O.B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sylvia aiming to set up an initiative between the Languages Department and SCILT at Strathclyde University to develop community engagement in the school b. The school will hold an information evening for parents on the curricular system in February/March 2018 	
<p>8. Date of next meeting</p> <p>26/2/18, Chinese Hub, 6.30-8.30 p.m.</p>	