

Hillhead High School Parent Council, AGM Monday 17 February 2020

Chair's Report

As this is the first AGM to be held in February, and the last Chair's Report was at the last AGM in September 2019, this is a shorter interim report for the intervening term and a half.

The Parent Council is a group of parents who represent parent views and work in partnership with school staff and the local authority to achieve the best for all pupils. Having a Parent Council allows the collective view of parents to be represented on matters such as the quality and standards of education at the school and other matters of interest.

The Parent Council held one formal meeting during period since the last AGM, interspersed with informal meetings as and when these were required; these meetings were arranged via email. The Parent Council communicated regularly with the Parent Forum (all parents/carers whose children go to Hillhead High School). The Parent Council communicated via our MailChimp Mailing list, our Twitter and Facebook accounts, the school's text messaging and GroupCall services as well as the school website. The Parent Council was grateful for the support of several Hillhead High School teaching staff who attended meetings and gave reports and input.

Summary of issues that the Parent Council was consulted on, informed of and participated in from Sept 2019 to present:

1. New mailing list for communication with parents and new email address
2. School Improvement Plan – reporting and pathways communication; website improvements
3. Uniform appeal – via local church connection, new uniforms plus financial support supplied to Pastoral Care to distribute as required
4. Duke of Edinburgh provision and availability
5. Formation of Communications subgroup with increased social media posting
6. Formation of Climate change subgroup – PACE
7. Winter Fayre – promote role of PC, encourage sign up to mailing list and GroupCall

Plans for parental involvement for 2020-2021

- a) Continuing the positive work that has been going on in relation to strengthening of the teaching and learning within the curricular structure at Hillhead High School.
- b) Continuing supporting the school in helping youngsters in their career choices and planning, especially looking at communication around pathways and development of timelines.
- c) Looking at school trips – rationale, proactive approach, key learning objectives.
- d) Continuing the fundraising work with events and funding applications

Parent Council members in 2019-2020 half session:

- Temporary Chair – Catriona Futter
- Vice Chair – Sylvia Warnecke
- Treasurer – Chiara Cipollari
- Chirsty Hamilton
- Tariq Ishaq
- Andrea Fisher
- Gordana Nesterovic
- Karen Leeson
- Alasdair Downes
- Bernie Mitchell (co-opted)

The Parent Council needs new members to keep it vibrant, particularly parents whose children are at the start of their secondary schooling and have a long association ahead of them. Everyone on the Parent Council brings something different and something useful to make it work, so please don't think you have nothing to offer. If you are interested in becoming a member, please join us. All parents and carers are welcome to attend Parent Council meetings. Updates from the Parent Council and minutes of all meetings are available on the school website
<http://www.hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk>

We will continue to use our Twitter and Facebook accounts to keep you informed. Parents who have provided us with their email address will be signed up to the mailing list to receive communications by this method.

Please let us know if you would like to be added to the mailing list by emailing
hillheadparentcouncil@gmail.com

Catriona Futter

Temporary Chair, 17/2/20