

Hillhead High School Parent Council Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, 15th March 2022, 19:00

Parent Council: Catriona Futter (PC Chair), Alasdair Downes (PC Treasurer), Jerome Boué (PC Secretary), Andrea Fisher, Bernie Mitchell (co-opted member), Astrid Azurdia, Sandra Huettenbuegel, Valentina Kskhafa, Kiki Kobatake, Ram Karunagaran.

School Staff: Mrs Karen McAlaney (HT), Mr Jack Richardson (Associate DHT), Mr Tom Carson (Associate DHT), Miss Kirstin Campbell (PT of Pastoral Care)

Parent forum: 12 members of the Parent Forum

Apologies: Sam Bartlett

Topic	To do
<p>Welcome & Introductions – PC Chair</p>	
<p>Minutes and actions arising from last minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from last meeting are available on the school site from yesterday. Updates to the site are done by school – no dedicated resources/ time. Suggested that a member of the PC can assist – offer appreciated but limitations related to Glow account • Chair went through minutes and key updates from last meeting. • Uniform – a couple of points to clarify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Q: Are trainers allowed – Answer KM: not demanding black shoes for this year. Will tighten up on footwear in August. ○ Q: How are uniform requirements being enforced – Answer KM: bank of uniform is available, uniform is cheap. All deputed go around to pupils who are not in the uniform to discuss reasons and offer supports if required. Messages are going out to parents – customised and approaching parents. ○ School is making it clear what uniform is, remind, encourage . Discussing why it matters at assembly. ○ Bigger message about what the school represents. • Parents Evenings – all have happened this session apart from S1, which will be week beginning 21/03/22. All parents will be encouraged to complete survey about parents’ eve to give feedback. • Minutes will be approved at the next meeting • Mr Richardson (JR): Update on Ahmed campaign: pupil in S6 who is leading campaign – grades not visas – supporting young people who don’t have indefinite leave to remain and have to pay international fees for courses (from £10k onwards per year). He is working with ‘Just right Scotland’ and designing survey which will be distributed across Scotland to migrants. There has been a lot of press acknowledgement. He is working with lawyers – this campaign is starting to gather momentum. This would involve having policy change at government level but likely to be a lengthy process. Chair also contacted all other Glasgow secondary schools parent councils as 	

<p>Ahmed asked to survey numbers of pupils affected across Glasgow – great enthusiasm and support for this campaign from the parent forum.</p>	
<p>Finance update – Alasdair Downes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Treasurer, Alasdair Downes, referred the Parent Council members to the Bank's Business Internet Banking Post Registration Amendments form and Digital Banking Services Terms and Conditions which were circulated prior to the meeting. The meeting was quorate and all members present agreed that the Amendments form be approved and the Bank be requested and authorised to make the changes detailed in the Amendments form. The Amendments form will be signed by the requisite three signatories. 	<p>Parent council members to confirm by email that they have read and approved arrangement for Alasdair to be administrator for online banking</p>
<p>Brief Head Teacher's report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBC visit – Laura Juliet Kuenssberg– pupils enjoyed this visit • Book Day • Duke of Edinburgh exhibitions – getting ready for next term • Challenge with traffic at the end of the day • Some challenge in terms of staffing – due to absence but everything is going very well, including clubs, including football team tournament, theatre visit etc. • Great work from Tom Carson for support for pupils who are due to sit exams – implemented as a result of focus groups. Staff giving up their time before school and after school – library is open to support pupils. Easter master class timetable – this was in response to focus groups. Only possible because of dedication of staff – a lot of credit to staff and young people. • Q: Blackpool trip in summer term – is it going to happen? Answer from KM: currently in discussion. P7 to S1 transition will be in person. 	<p>Sam, PC member, offering to help with issues around traffic near the school – will follow up on this at a future meeting</p>
<p>Fundraising – current ideas and discussion on what we should do first</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events coming up in May – quiz night and school fayre • One of roles of PC is fundraising – not able to carry out for past two years due to pandemic restrictions, and disconnect from the community – PC wants to understand priorities for money that we have – circa £2,500 in bank account plus fundraising efforts. • 4 main areas that we can spend money on / fundraise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New Basketball hoops for back play ground ○ Lack of physical space in school – fund some outdoor benches – Anna Dekar looked at research at heavy duty benches that we could in theory get ○ School asked to have extension to the bike shed ○ School asked help with replacing mini bus – JR clarified why it is important to replace it – it was constantly used – for sports teams, music and art trips, educational trips, Duke of Edin. Alternative is taxis which is very expensive, plus current lack of 	

availability of taxis. Mini bus makes it cheaper, logistically easier, e.g. Duke of Edinburgh outings, quicker, and less time spent trying to sort out alternative travel arrangements, less time consuming for staff having to accompany taxis.

- Jerome: Using Glasgow University grounds and complex was not possible – is this something that can be explored again? JR: not sure if they are going to Stevenson building – unlikely. Met with Head of Sports complex – problem is that students get first priority – the only time they could accommodate – May-June – made use of it previously and it has to meet their parameters.
- From staff – what is the top priority – KM: mini bus and bike shed.
- Bernie:
 - Current mini bus was donated by Tom Hunter Foundation – it is about 14 years old. Fully support teachers in desire to obtain the bus
 - Cost for new mini bus - £30-35K. Need to identify a lead for this project and liaising with Tom Hunter foundation or other organisations.
 - Extension to the bike shed – work needs to be done on existing structure before anything can be done on the new structure. Lost all drawings – furnished them with images, engineering company hasn't provided price – estimate that it will be £10-14K, 6months to complete. Current prices on steel drive the price up. Need to check if there are requirements for competitive tendering.
 - Other small items – benches in garden area – desirable and it is up to the Parent Council and the SLT – can be delivered within 3 months. Basketball hoops will require contractor to erect them.
- Possibility to approach alumni / celebrity of the school – KM: Not sure if there are area grants, not aware of anyone. Bernie: it requires a lot of footwork from local authority areas.
- Possibility to approach scheme for diversity and inclusivity / accessibility – e.g. [Children and Young People - News - Grants Online](#)
 - 2 main things needed for grant application – constitution and bank account
- Ali:
 - competitive tenders – not a public body if it is funded by the Parent council – so probably won't have to comply with the same level of regulation
 - Extending and matching may be more expensive than replacing the whole bike shed. Consider quotes for this approach.
- Input through the chat – majority of the comments point to minibus.
- GoFundMe or other crowdfunding platforms – will benefit from social media campaign. Ali confirmed that crowdfunding campaign could also be linked to the bank account. It is important to be careful with the way money is transferred – large number of small transactions may lead to charges on the bank account. Important to consider.
- KM: bike shed does not have to be the same but would be good to have a good quality one like the current one as it would last longer.
- Basketball hoops – comment from JR that this is less of a priority as the hoops tend not to last long and are easily damaged/destroyed
- School Fayre – Saturday 21st May 2022 – Several members of Parent Council are working on this – stalls from local business,

Valentina to look at grant options

Andrea to contact Martha Wardrop re sources of funding

Ram and Sandra look at setting up fundraising page and check re arrangements for payments into the account to avoid charges

<p>sustainability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tech department is not allowed to put up bike shed themselves – KM confirmed. 	<p>Involve eco council and pupil council to support this work. School grounds group will pursue this</p>	
<p>Fundraising – easy fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 people signed up – £30 in total – would be good to get better uptake on this. 	<p>Sandra will write up info which can be shared to whole parent forum via GroupCall</p>	
<p>Quiz night – 6 May 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update will be provided at the next meeting • Bernie and Astrid are sorting out details 		
<p>Additional Comments/Questions from Parent Forum during meeting/via Zoom Chat</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is it feasible to put solar on the roof? 2. Are pupils allowed to go in their PE kit if pupils have PE in first period 3. Are Friday afternoons back on? 4. Will trip be in Scotland? 5. Which years will be offered school trips? 6. Can the school make lost property a topic and all pupils to look for lost property and have everything in one place? 7. Glasgow academy definitely uses Glasgow sport complex 8. Are there not specific funding to get hold on to for each project? 9. Most parents won't know we are wanting to raise money – have target for specific thing 10. Bike shed would be good, could get a grant for this. Minibus will need a large donation; basketball hoops and benches – could use existing money in account for this. 11. Mini buses are commonly sponsored – so there must be big businesses funding for this. 	<p>Answers to Questions via Zoom chat</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. KM: not sure how this could be taken forward – will raise 2. KM: no – they are reminded every day that they are not supposed to be going in PE kit when they have PE. 3. KM: no, there are plans for next term after Easter. 4. KM: yes, school trips will be in Scotland. 5. KM: S1, S2, S3 initially. Also planning health week –likely. Things are happening already – see Twitter account for more info. 6. Chair: will make a note to discuss at the next meeting. 7. JR: likely because they are paying for it. 8. Bernie: Lottery doesn't fund schools, looking for other grants and authorities – e.g. Tom Hunter foundation 9. JB: very good point, will help with gather momentum. 10. Noted 11. Noted – potential to investigate who sponsors – suggestion to look into ITISON – bought a bus for another school. 12. Noted 13. KM: 24=25 14. KM: roof is important for good weather protection for bikes. 	<p>Implications of change of ownership of building will be discussed in future meetings</p> <p>KM will raise a question with the company re solar panels</p> <p>More info on school trips etc next term; still in planning stages Chair to add 'lost property' and 'school trips' to the agenda for next meeting</p>

<p>12. Suggestion to buy something now to start momentum and publicise.</p> <p>13. How many bikes does the current bike shed / shelter hold?</p> <p>14. Does it need a roof? Does it need more than bars to lock up?</p>		
<p>Closing Comments from Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you so much to all parents/carers and staff for joining tonight, really supportive of all staff 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting: May 9 – This could potentially be in person if remaining Covid restrictions are lifted 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC Meeting End 		