

Hillhead High School Parent Council meeting Date: 06.02.24 / **Time:** 18:30-20:00

- **Attendees:** Martina Johnston-Gray (Chair) / Valentina Kskhafa/ Ali Downes (treasurer) / Vinishree Solanki / Raeda Fadel / Ram Karunakaran / Sandra Huettenbuegel / Sam Bartlett / Bernie Mitchell / Antonia Hornung / Karen McAlaney (HT) / Jack Richardson (DHT) / Steven Neill / Tom Carson (DHT) / Kirstin Campbell /
- **Apologies:** / Kiki Kobatake / Sam Bartlett

AGM

Item 1 Quick round of **introductions** of the Parent Council members. Ali Downes, treasurer, will be stepping down and handing over at the end of the school year.

Previous AGM minutes approved by Martina and Valentina.

Item 2 Chair's Report for the year February 2023 to January 2024 (see Valentina's document)

Item 3 Treasurer report

Opening Balance 01/08/2023	£6108.04
Current Balance	£701.58
Income to date (<i>Amount earmarked for minibus</i>)	£9678.94 (<i>£9321.44</i>)
Expenditure	£15085.40

Notes

1. The main item of expenditure was the £15000 donation into the school fund towards the purchase of a new minibus.
Other items were purchase of a domain name for the PC, school letting fees for the PC meetings, and a charge for the online auction to allow more than 20 items.
2. Notable income: a, An online auction of donated items and services raised £4306.81 and b, a local business donated £2000 towards the new minibus. C, A fundraiser by a school parent, Jolene, raised £1060.65. D, Tesco gave a grant of £1500 towards the minibus (£375 still to be received). E, The GoFundMe set up in the previous financial year generated donations of £804.18 and f, EasyFundraising generated £97.49 and g, the annual grant from the GCC of £400

External check of the accounts up to 31st July has been done.

Costs in regards to the minibus will be covered by the school (maintenance) and GCC (insurance).

Item 4 Election

We have two new members joining the Parent Council: Vinishree (Vini) Solanki and Raeda Fadel. Also Martina has been elected as chair. Ali has been confirmed as treasurer (by Martina and Ram). Bernie has been confirmed as coopted member for another year. No one has taken on the role of secretary and minutes will be done in rotation.

Karen extends her thanks to Valentina for a vast amount of work she has done and done amazingly. All very much appreciated.

End of AGM

Regular PC meeting

Item 2 Previous PC meeting's minutes have been approved. All actions from last meeting have dealt with.

A special Thank you to all parents who brought cakes for the teachers just before the winter break. Very much appreciated by all teachers.

Item 3 Update on Parent Council work

A Fundraising

Skypark in Finnieston <https://skypark-glasgow.com> are keen to support the pupils from our school. They are organising a day where Caledonian Gladiators meet with the school basketball teams. 20 pupils will have the opportunity to go for a fun day (shooting games and stalls) on 13th March. Parents are welcome to join.

And any fundraising ideas are welcome – bring them on.

B Gambling Harm Webinar

This had been organised by Martina. This also involved the organisation who offered this to come into school and visit all pupils in S2 and S3.

Vaping is also very much a topic the school is dealing with as it is a national issue.

C Finance update

We need to update our GoFundMe page (now that we are not raising money for the minibus anymore). Ram has access to the page.

Item 4

Headteacher's report

The headteacher gave over her time to Kirstin Campbell and Steven Neil. The school's lost property has been picked up by ApparelXchange <https://apparelxchange.co.uk> to be brought back into circulation.

And the school was grateful to receive a donation which enabled the purchase of uniform items.

A Unicef UK Rights Respecting Schools Award <https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/>

Kirstin Campbell reported on the school winning the bronze award for the Unicef UK Rights Respecting Schools Award. Now the next step is to go for silver.

This programme is all about putting childrens' rights at the heart of school life. The aim is for schools in the UK to create safe and inspiring places to learn, where children are respected, their talents are nurtured and they are able to thrive.

PC will need to provide a comment by 7th March. Martina has kindly agreed to do this.

B School vision statement

Steven Neil reported on the project he is leading on which will culminate in a new School vision statement. This statement will motivate and inspire and work on this is incorporating the voices of pupils, staff, parent forum, Senior phase pupil council and the S6 leadership team.

Item 5 Matters arising

Valentina mentioned Gibson street gala which is being resumed after a few years and the organisers are looking for representatives from parents and school staff to participate in the gala. More details can be given by Valentina.

Before closing of the meeting, the last parent <<name to be inserted >> also wanted to join the parent council. So, as per council's agreement, the AGM was re-convened, the new person got elected to the last available seat in the PC and the chairperson closed the AGM.

The Chairperson thanked everyone for joining and brought the meeting to a close.