

Rosshall Academy	Parent Council Meeting
	Date: 28 th October 2020

Action No.	Key points and action	Date Req'd	Name
1	<p>PM= Parent Member PC Co-Opt = Co Opt member PC PF= Parent Forum</p> <p>In attendance:</p> <p><u>PC Parent Members:</u> Pam McVeigh (Chair) Gillian Connor Janet McLean Lisa Mullin Susan Moffatt Edi Reavey Kenny Smith David Coia</p> <p><u>Others in Attendance</u> Stephen Murphy Alison Mitchell Robert Clelland Madelaine Baker Sophie Lamont Cameron Docherty (School Captain) Josh Petrie (Chair of Pupil Parliament)</p> <p><u>Apologies</u> Ryan Hughes Francis Joanna McKenna Nancy Loftus</p>		
2	<p>Approval of previous minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved but see 3. 		
3	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NL had emailed the PC on receipt of the minutes of the September meeting where it had been noted that the minutes of the previous meeting were approved. 		

	<p>This was not the case. The last PC meeting had taken place in February 2020 with the March meeting having been cancelled due to lack of members being able to attend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those in attendance this evening agreed that February was a very different world with so much having changed since then and that we should draw a line under those minutes. • Digital discussion referred to in September minutes took place 28th October 2020. 		
4	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March balance - £2,196.27 • October balance - £2,486.47 • £400 has been received from GCC • £300 paid to MCR Pathways • KS asked if anything the school need as no point in the money sitting in the bank. AM said that the school have been looking at an outdoor canopy but that cheapest option is £18,000. Wendy Stillie is currently trying to source a cheaper alternative. 		
5	<p>Digital Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S1 ipads have been issued this week. The vast majority have been issued but SL will catch up with those. • Some pupil information hasn't been received from the council get and this has added to the delay. • On 17th November SL is hosting an online digital awareness evening for parents. The information will be in the parent's letter and emails will be sent to the young person's email address. Access to the event will be via the young person's ipad. • Any questions for this event should be emailed to SL. • gw16lamontsophie@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk 		
6	<p>Head Teacher Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently no staff isolating or with Covid • Parent/Carer Updates are weekly at the moment and contain; changes to guidance, reminders about guidance, links to documentation, year group specific news, parent council information and successes/concerns for the whole school • Any PC updates should be sent to AM before Wednesday. PM asked if there could be an update on AGM and a reminder nearer the time. • Health and safety – update due 30th October • P7 transitions – P7 videos/letters/packs will be issued on Friday 30th October. There will be a virtual event 		

	<p>for P7 parents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S2 preferences – event on Tuesday 3rd November at 7.00pm. The draft form for choices has been issued and the process for option choices should be complete by the end of November. • SQA clarity around assessment – there is still discussion around prelims for Nat 5's. Assessment period is being tailored to guidance issued by SQA. • Attendance – fluctuating but improved • Covid cases • Pupil engagement (Captain and PP Chair) • Digital learning/ipad roll out (SL) • Learning and Teaching (MB) • Vicki Smedley now DHT at Hyndland Secondary School • Julie McCrorie has retired • Brian Sherry is now PT Pastoral Care for Iona House • Caroline Paterson is now Acting Faculty Head of Health • Interviews – <p>Acting PT Raising Attainment – Interview 29th October Teacher of English – Advert 30th October Teacher of Science (VI) – Advert 30th October</p>		
7	<p>Pupil Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cameron Docherty (Captain) and Josh Petrie (Chair of PP) attended to give the PC an update. • CD praised the prefect team and said that they had risen to the occasion in what were very different times for the school. • Prefect team are going round PS classes on a Wednesday encouraging and explaining about the importance of wearing masks. • The recent non uniform day was done to raise fund for Young Minds which raises the awareness of mental health issues which have been amplified since the pandemic • Prefect team supporting water distribution at lunchtime to ensure a drink is available for everyone • They have been making videos – including one for the P7 transition event in the hope that it will set minds at ease • JP said the first meeting of the PP will be on Tuesday 3rd November – split in to juniors and seniors as they cannot meet together currently • There is a big focus on mental health particularly in the senior phase over concerns re exams and 		

	<p>results.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cancellation of Nat 5 exams has taken a level of pressure from S4 but they are still working hard as assessment will now be evidence based. • They are liaising with the whole school and working on ways to improve the school experience 		
8	<p>Learning and Teaching</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MB said that due to lockdown work on the website was done quickly but that lessons have been learned. • Weekly home learning packs are sent to Glow • Rachel Docherty has updated the website and when it is rebooted there will be a parent zone and a home learning zone. The website will be clearer and easier to navigate. • BGE pupils – using PS to help learners find their way through at home • Senior pupils – staff are working on a one to one basis • MB wished to record her thanks to all faculty heads who have done a magnificent job whilst still teaching. • Stephen Murphy said the school are consulting with parents to use the momentum and what works and what doesn't. We are not waiting for Covid to end. It won't define us – we need to keep moving forward as the young people will not get this time in education again. • JM asked if there was any way to stop spam messages. • MB said that they are encouraging pupils NOT to hit the reply to all when they are replying to messages. This should help with this. 		
9	<p>Way Forward for PC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 names have been received from parents interested in attending the AGM • PM will update herself on the constitution in advance of the AGM • PM is hopeful that a legacy of the pandemic will be a greater level of parental engagement • This item to be kept on agenda for next meeting. Next meeting to be directly after AGM • AM asked if teachers should come to the meeting after the AGM had taken place but the general discussion was it was best to avoid a "them and us" situation and that teachers would be welcomed at AGM 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New generic email address rosshallparentcouncil@gmail.com • Susan Moffatt to send PM login details 		
10	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM said the destinations were looking promising in the circumstances and this is very positive and encouraging. RC will give a presentation at the next meeting. • ER asked if we should ditch the website. It has not been in use properly for some time although ER pays for this. It was agreed that the website should be discontinued, and that ER will amend it so it will point to the new PC section on the school website. • RHF asked about the policy for wearing PE kit at the end or beginning of the day – pupils are being challenged when doing so. AM will remind staff of the policy • RHF said that S3 English is constantly being disrupted as teacher is having to send pupils out and in. AM suggested RHF contact pastoral care teacher. • NL asked if the curtains had been installed on the stage yet. AM said that this has not taken place yet but assured the PC once they are installed a celebration will take place, photos will be taken and thanks will be sent. • LM asked what is the best way to get in touch with Pastoral Care – via email or phone • An email from a parent asked if the school would be supplying the flu vaccine this year. AM is not aware of this being considered. Susan Moffatt will email reply to parent. • AM noted that pupils are working together, they are protecting each other. It's not perfect but is improving. There is much more of a sense of community than in previous years • AM thanked Cameron and Josh on behalf of everyone. 		

Date of next meeting – AGM on Wednesday 18th November 2020 (followed by next meeting of new PC)