



Rosshall Academy Parent Council

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 12 February 2025

Attendees	Chairperson – Ronnie Jamieson Treasurer – Alasdair McLaren Secretary – Lisa Mullin PC Members - Gillian Connor Staff – Pauline Swan (HT), Robert Clelland and Caroline Peterson
Apologies	PC Members - Dale Hardy, Ray McDonald Vice Chairperson – Peggy McCartney Staff Apologies –

Item Discussed	Action Required / Outcome	Action By	Completed Date
Welcomes & Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The meeting was opened by the Parent Council (PC) Chairperson and apologies read out that were received.A warm welcome was given to all attendees.	N/A	N/A

Previous Minutes			
Approval of Previous Minutes	The previous minutes from January 2025 were: Approved by Lisa Mullin Seconded by Alasdair McLaren	Secretary	N/A
Matters arising from Previous minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The study weekend to Blairvadach has had good uptake. There is a waiting list for any spaces that become available.	Secretary	N/A

Head Teachers Report			
HT Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">S1 parents evening was on Monday and had around 67% turnout which is really good for S1.Supported study sessions are running for all subjects and the timetable is being shared.Plans for all leavers and for S6 are underway. A graduation ceremony is being planned for 23rd April in evening for all leavers. The plan is for it to be celebratory more than formal. This is to recognise all leavers and also their wider achievements. 6th years will also be included but they will be invited back in the next day to have a celebration even just for them. It is planned to be fun but controlled. The 6th years are supportive of having it and are part of the planning. Also trying to decide if parents are invited to the 6th year leavers event. There are costs for graduation and any donation from the parent council would be welcomed. AM noted that £500 had been previously given to school but hasn't been spent as yet. RM will check if it has been cashed.A group of around 40 students and 5 staff are away on a ski trip now and it is going really well.The school are changing the house structure a little from May 2025. There will continue to be 5 houses but the DHT will move to having responsibility for a year group rather than house. Pastoral care will still have responsibility over the house.Potential strike is scheduled for Thursday next week.	HT	N/A

Questions raised after HT Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no questions raised. 		N/A
Faculty Head PE and Home Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caroline Peterson, the Faculty Head of PE and Home Economics gave an update on activities taking place in the department. The sports leaders programme is going really well. This gives an additional qualification at Level 4 and take place during 2 periods each week. They are now delivering level 5 and 6 to 4th to 6th years. They are linking well with the primary schools and the sports leaders have led stuff with the primary children. They are also delivering the coaching for athletics at Level 6. The students need to work with a group in community, for example, the elderly or females etc. Last year they got funding from Scottish rugby to try to grow interest in the sport. They ran rugby tatser sessions for S1, S2 and half S3 but the rugby club didn't really take off. They got more funding and are going to start a school of rugby with a rugby coach. They are also running an exercise and fitness leadership level 6 course which is good for those interested in sports science. In Home Economics is doing well with replacement teachers and have some good ideas to implement. Hoping to go to Royal Highland show and also make use of Instagram. A lot of resource is needed for home economics which is difficult but they do a lot with the little resource they have. Budget is always an issue for both Home Economics and PE. The school have to use the PCOS system which is expensive and not easy to use or find stuff. Equipment is also not industrial so breaks easily after a lot of use. Equipment is needed like whisks, etc. Any donations of help ar applying for funding would be welcomed. The fitness suite is also expensive to fix equipment etc and some bits do not work. Kit is also low. The PC ask that the school do a 'wishlist' with costs attached and bring back to us. The PC will also look at funding opps. RJ will look at Area Partnership meeting dates. 	Caroline Peterson and Parent Council	
Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school are intending to put a group of students through the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award but they need to qualify two more teachers at a cost of £4104. Any support with raising these fund would be welcome. PC will consider the funding opportunities as may be a good fit for the Area Partnership Fund as the investment can continue to be used in future to support other students to do the award. 	Chairperson	

Treasurers Report			
<p>Confirmed Balance at 12th February 2025</p> <p>£2386.95</p>	<p>The following Report was presented by the Treasurer :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £16 raised from the rag bag and bonus ball. 	Treasurer	

Secretary Emails / Enquiries			
Emails or enquiries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect emails have been forwarded to members. Report cards for S4 were recently issued and a few parents raised concerns with the accuracy within them. The working grades didn't seem to match the performance of the student and the written narrative. There was also no explanation of what they mean. The HT will look into this 	Headteacher	

Fundraising :			
Sub Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bonus Ball Roll Out Update – still pushing but not doing well. 	Vice Chairperson	

Any Other Competent Business :			
AOCB	There was no other competent business.	n/a	

Next Parent Council Meeting	Wednesday 12 March 2025 @ 1900 Within Rosshall Academy School Library
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