**Clydeview Academy**

**Parent Council Meeting**

**Held on Monday 20th January 2025 at 6:30pm**

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| **Present:** (Chair) Muriel Russell, Lorna Goodall, Makiko Ozawa, Deb Scorthorne, Rhona Turner, Elizabeth Robertson, Nicola Robertson (remote), Craig Gibson (remote), Claire Wooler, Sarah Campbell, Lyndsey Keenan, Stine Hunt, Lynne McDonald, Wendy McKeegan, Faye Currie  **In attendance:** Ewan Campbell, Emily Stables |
| **Apologies:** Val Forsyth,Mhairi Towey, Anna McDougall, Cllr Reynolds, Cllr Brennan |

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| Item |  | Action |
|  | **Welcome + Apologies**  Muriel welcomed all to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Apologies were as noted above. |  |
|  | **Minutes of last meeting – 11th November**  **Approved by:** Faye Currie  **Seconded by:** Deb Scorthorne |  |
|  | **Matters Arising**   * **Mobile Phone policy –** Thank you for the feedback provided by the proposed deadline. Policy document has been updated as a result of this and a draft copy was circulated to the PC members who were happy with the changes. * **Senior Phase Consultation –** Inverclyde-wide consultation regarding greater flexibility in the senior phase. Going to Education Committee tomorrow. Only 68 out of over 1000 parents within Clydeview responded to the survey. Ensure that a note goes out from the PC ahead of upcoming consultations to elicit a better response. * **Arnold Clark Funding –** £815 going from PC to school from this source. * **Windfarm Funding –** £1000 has been paid from PC to school from this source. | Muriel / Elizabeth |
|  | **Rights Respecting Schools Action Plan Review**  3rd March review meeting to progress assessment for RRS Gold Award for the school. PC members are welcome to attend this meeting.  Ewan presented the current action plan for the Gold Award. Strands are Teaching and Learning about Rights; Development of Ethos and Relationships within the School; Participation, Empowerment and Action  Questions about the RAG status of the actions noted and the requirement for completion of these. | All -  Ewan to advise time |
|  | **Chair Update**   * **New Members** –Emily Stables was welcomed to and joined PC   **Proposer –** Claire Wooler  **Seconder –** Lynne McDonald   * **Connect Resources and Sessions**: Details included in agenda. Log on instructions can be accessed from Muriel. Keen for members to use this resource * **GDPR Permissions:** anyone who has not responded will now be assumed to have removed their permission * **Anti-bullying Policy:** National policy was updated, and authorities were asked to review their own policies to ensure that they aligned with this. We are asked to provide feedback around what we would keep / ditch / improve from the school’s policy / charter.Some initial feedback provided but commitment to have provided further feedback by Wednesday 29th January | All |
|  | **Finance**   * **Accounts:** Sarah presented a sheet outlining the PC bank balance which is £2367.28 (£815 still to be paid to school from Arnold Clark). * Sarah requested visibility of the businesses that the school are approaching so that there’s no duplication, and so we can support the efforts. Craig will provide this. * **Easy Fundraising**: £861.55 accumulated so far * No new members signed up since last meeting * Nicola has drafted email to go out to parents which will include info on how we spend money – Muriel has some wording re that. * Update needed re cost of sending text messages | Craig  Nicola / Muriel  Rhona |
|  | **Events**   * **Quiz Night / Christmas Concert:** we made a profit for funds from both of these events – thanks to those who helped out * **Spring Concert:** date for this is 24th March at 7pm   Offers of help for this from: Faye, Claire, Nicola, Lorna, Wendy, Lynne, Makiko |  |
|  | **Head Teacher’s Highlights**  Craig’s Presentation will be made available with the minutes   * **BGE –** authority-wide acknowledgement of the work done regarding the Broad General Education at Clydeview * **Sport –** success in swimming, cross country, netball. Sports Leaders Group are undertaking coaching certificates and use this to support our extra-curricular work, as well as work with our associated primaries * **SCQF Ambassador Silver Award –** work done for a few years to develop new awards and qualifications in Clydeview * **Opening of new Hub –** event for the official opening of Pupil Support Hub focused on better meeting the needs of our young people * **Prelims –** S4 completed and S5/6 underway * **Junior Leadership Team –** group ofS3 pupils have started this work   **Forthcoming**   * Info events for options * Parents Evenings * Consultation on senior phase curriculum * International Women’s Day IDL * Leavers events |  |
|  | **ASN Provision**  Craig extended apologies for the way that this was communicated. Greenock Telegraph had taken this from the agenda for the Education Committee and did not speak to the school or the authority about this in advance:   * ASN provision within the school similar to Notre Dame HS * Request for consultation in the papers for committee tomorrow * A cap would be placed on placement requests to free up 10 places for a new ASN provision * Increasing need for provision across the authority – this is in response to this * The provision would be staffed specifically and managed by the school. Placing decisions made at authority level – authority resource * Places offered to Clydeview, Inverclyde Academy and St Columba catchment areas * Public meeting 11th February – 6.30 – Clydeview Academy where questions can be asked * Consultation – if agreed by committee would be launched Thursday and end on 10th March   Craig commented on the potential for this to enhance the culture and provision within the school. Craig proposes to work closely with the authority to progress things as per the will of the consultation.  Question regarding the number of placing request places that would be taken away. We currently have an intake of 180 – this would reduce to 170.  Will the school be provided with additional resources? Craig will advocate for resources to make this work. Currently there is a proposal for 1 x PT, 1 x teacher and 1 x Pupil Support Assistant.  Statement made from parent that resources – which are not always enough as things stand, concern that this would be taken from the core school resources. Craig reassured that this will be additional resource.  Query arose as to why a consultation is necessary? Craig noted that this is a statutory requirement in law.  Is there an expectation that the numbers will increase over time? Craig has asked for roll projections across the years but has not yet received this. Craig visiting Stella Maris next week and will find out what their capacity is.  Assuming it will be 10 x new S1 pupils this year rather than all year groups? Yes  This will be a separate provision, not young people spread across the S1 register classes  Stella Maris is specialist in Aspergers – what will the profile of ASN be here? This was not known at this stage.  PC members agreed the need to promote participation and engagement in the consultation and attendance at the Public Meeting on 11th February – a follow up email would be issued after the school email  A suggestion was made as to whether the consultation can go on the Parent Portal? This would be explored. | Muriel / Elizabeth  Craig |
|  | **A.O.B**   1. Question asked earlier in the meeting about the continuation of the use of Twitter / X. This is under discussion at authority level and Craig will keep us informed 2. Propose that we start a Parents Facebook group |  |
|  | **Date of next meeting: Monday 10th March at 6.30pm, in person** |  |