**Clydeview Academy**

**Parent Council Meeting**

**Held on Monday 10th March 2025 - Hybrid**

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| **Present:** (Chair) Muriel Russell, Anna McDougall, Faye Currie, Stine Hunt, Lorna Goodall, Nicola Robertson (online), Wendy McKeegan (online), Makiko Ozawa, Deb Scorthorne, Val Forsyth, Rhona Turner, Cllr Graeme Brookes, Cllr Elizabeth Robertson, Craig Gibson |
| **Apologies:** Lynne McDonald, David Gilmour, Claire Wooler, Sarah Campbell, Emily Stables |

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| Item |  | Action |
|  | **Welcome & Apologies**  Muriel welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were as noted above |  |
|  | **Minutes of last meeting – 20th Jan 2025**  **Approved by:** Faye Currie  **Seconded by:** Lorna Goodall |  |
|  | **Matters Arising**   * Anti-bullying Policy – feedback provided to the authority as requested. CG updated the group on the school level charter linked to this * Business contacts – no duplication. CG updated that there would really be no duplication if the Parent Council wanted to approach companies. CG indicated that the outdoor garden area is being developed and community partners will be approached in relation to that * Cost of text messaging provided by RT. This is 4p per text message * Twitter / X – discussed by us and at the wider PC Chairs forum. No formal policy on this use of this platform, although many groups stated that they are starting to move away from X. LG suggested that BlueSky be considered as an alternative. CG will look at this as well as looking again at the existing School Facebook page * RRS Accreditation visit – thank you to those who participated. MR commented that the staff were so enthusiastic about the developments | CG  CG |
|  | **Chairs Update**   * **New Members** –no new members at this meeting. MR has extended an invitation to Cllr Ian Hellyer to attend future meetings * **Connect Resources and Sessions**: Details included in agenda. Log on instructions can be accessed from Muriel. Keen for members to use this resource * **PC Chairs – 10th Feb 2025:** Update on budgets. Tight, but no change to teacher numbers. Losing a brass instrumental instructor. Also discussed the ASN consultation and Social Media platforms as discussed earlier. Next meeting is 12th May |  |
|  | **Finance**   * January balance was £2,367   Arnold Clark money paid to the school as required by funding agreement   * March balance is £1,636.78 * **Easy Fundraising** – we have raised £375.74 through this mechanism. NR has set a schedule for reminders to be sent to parents to sign up to this, including a QR code which makes joining even easier, and also has a £5 for £5 match funding element when used * School staff have also signed up (office and Home Ec) as well as personal sign up from staff * Suggested that the QR code be included on the Spring Concert programme * Also suggested that we discuss with P7 parents as soon as possible. VF indicated that there is contact this week and that the leaflets can be handed out to them | NR  MR  VF |
|  | **Head Teacher’s Highlights**  CG provided a presentation with his update (attached)   * **Senior Phase Changes –** working with pupils and staff to ensure that all young people have their needs met with the changes next year. If pupils will not be able to cope with 7 subjects, alternatives are being sought * **Leavers Celebrations –** changes to scheduling have been required due to changes in the SQA exam timetable |  |
|  | **National Benchmarking Update**  CG provided analysis of the Insight national leavers data for Clydeview in relation to Inverclyde, the West Partnership, Scotland and our Virtual Comparator figures.   * Highlighting trends rather than one-year results * Numeracy requiring more attention than literacy on that basis * Some discussion about the introduction of Apps of Maths and the Numeracy Level 6 as wider qualifications for numeracy * Sustained leaver destinations rather than initial destinations tells us more about how well we have helped young people prepare for post-school options * Discussed the fact that some leavers had no tariff points and the strategies the school in employing to ensure that all achievements are accredited for young people * CG noted that the trend for the measure of the lowest 20% attaining young people requires attention |  |
|  | **ASN Consultation**  Public meeting was well attended.  Consultation ends today.  Engagement with Education Scotland starts now that the consultation period has ended. They will meet with stakeholders about this matter and then have a 3-week period to report back.   * Going out to other ASN provisions to garner good practice * Question regarding the increased requirement of space for the new unit as the years progress |  |
|  | **Parental Engagement**  VF presented (attached) and encouraged discussion about Parental Engagement within the school   * Consultation with parents recently – low response rate * Consultation with pupils – comments noted * Consultation with staff – comments also noted * VF proposing and developing a toolkit to address issues   Suggestions   * Central place required for key information with FAQ etc. * Include extra-curricular info * SQA requirements (assignment deadlines etc.) * Keeping website current * Focus group of parents * Acknowledge the damage from COVID properly   Actions   * Beta test the toolkit as it currently looks * AM has offered Comms assistance with this work * Endorsement from Parent Council for this work | VF to All  AM |
|  | **Events**  Spring Concert – 24th March  Good number of helpers for this. WhatsApp group will be used to discuss what’s needed around this  School Show – will need some details as to dates and offers of help | MR  MR/VF |
|  | **A.O.B**  SDS Survey – this has come out to parents, seemingly from the school, but there was no knowledge of this |  |
|  | **Date of next meeting: Monday 2nd June 6.30pm, in person** |  |