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|  | Parent Council Meeting – Zoom call  30 August 2021 |
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| Attendees          Apologies      Guests | **Callum Johnston – Head Teacher**  **June Murphy – Chair**  **Carrie Davidson – Secretary**  **William Simson - PC Member**  **Fiona Gibson – Treasurer**  Yvonne Bennet – Parent  Craig Leckie – Parent    **Dolores Laird**    **N/A** |

JM thanked all members for attending meeting and covered apologies

# Head Teacher Report

Calum advised that the start back to the new session has been positive. New 1st year group has been very impressive. All senior groups are settling in well and in particular new 4th year group have impressed.

There has been a small number of Covid positive cases which has had little impact on school time due to the Governments new isolation guidleins.

Wearing of face masks and social distancing within schools is unlikely to change any time soon but will be reviewed regularly as per up to date guidelines.

Extracurricular activities both at lunch times and after school are due to restart over the upcoming weeks.

School trips will be recommencing with the exception of overnight stays

New Astro Pitch is now open for use

SQA have confirmed that final exams will go ahead with a start date of 26 April 2022 “If safe to do so”

A survey has been sent out to all 4th 5th and 6th year pupils and parents/carers in relation to prelim dates. Options include: Starting at end of November 2021 or week commencing 11 January 2022. Response so far indicates that senior pupils are leaning towards End of November 2021, parents/carers are leaning towards 11 January 2022.

Reasonable arguments to support either date in view of time to teach course work in time prior to prelims and acknowledging pupil response in relation to using their Christmas New Year holidays for studying.

Calum will feedback at next meeting.

Calum spoke about SQA results for end of 2020/2021 session and advised they were really good results and that all submitted results were accepted by the SQA.

League tables are due to be published February 2022

52% of leavers which encapsulates 4th 5th and 6th years leavers had 5 or more Highers

Calum asked for June to advise of any guest speakers which the parent council would like to attend future meeting.

June requested pupil council contact. Calum advised he was due to meet with the junior, middle and senior pupil council next week and would provide further details.

Calum is aiming for pupils to take more leadership roles including the junior pupils.

Interviews will be taking place for senior captains and house captains and also for subject ambassadors.

Linda Davis has taken charge of the “buddy system” for new 1st year pupils who are settling in well.

PC Colin McLellan is the new school Police Campus Officer

Yvonne asked about future parents nights. Calum advised these will likely be November 2021 and spread around the school in classrooms “Covid Dependent” with back up places of phone calls and or video calls if face to face is not possible.

June welcomed Craig to the PC and explained the role and format of the group.

Carrie requested email address and contact numbers for all members.

Everyone agreed that a Whatsapp group would be beneficial for group updates and Carrie agreed to arrange.

Emails from Connex for 2021/2022 up and running with 3rd party insurance included.

Carrie will send codes of conduct, constitution and data protection forms to PC members

June will forward dates fo pupil council meeting to see who is available to attend

The new Lockhart Campus is now open. No apparent travel issues have been noted

Pupil support and integration between both schools has been initiated. NAC are to landscape grounds around Auchenharive Academy.

June asked about PC financial accounts. Fiona advised they have still to be audited, NAC payment has been received and current balance is £5779

June asked for thoughts on fundraiser – view was to wait at present as with Covid cases at present we are still in uncertain times. No departments have made any financial requests to the PC as yet. June will email department deput heads to ask if they are in need of any donations from the PC.

# PC – AOB

Agreed that meetings will continue monthly and will take place last Monday of every month

Mon 27 September 2021

Mon 25 October 2021

Mon 29 November 2021