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|  |  Parent Council Meeting 31st January 2022 - Zoom |
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| Attendees      Apologies   Guests  | **Calum Johnston – Head Teacher** **June Murphy – Chair** **Carrie Davidson – Secretary** **William Simson - PC Member** **Yvonne Bennet – PC Member****Karen Duff – Parent****Craig Leckie – Parent**Norri Brown – Guest speakerDolores Laird – PC Member  |

JM thanked all members for attending meeting and covered apologies

**Head Teachers Report**

CJ – intermittent staffing issues relating to sickness/isolation in relation to Covid guidelines. Had improved post Christmas holidays. Initially 3rd Year pupils received online learning for few days only post Christmas holidays but all pupils have since returned to face to face learning. Increased number of staff testing positive and virtually no availability of supply teachers. Mixed classes in assembly hall supported by senior staff when class teachers are absent. Information regarding face mask requirements remains variable but are being encouraged within the school environment.

Prelim update – theory component completed ar end of last week. Some practical components are still in progress. Prelims have been marked, quality assured and results are now being issued to pupils. Results are variable and CJ will provide fuller details at the next meeting post meeting with faculty heads.

CJ emphasised concern of impact on pupils of teachers not being present to teach and yet the government is still pressing for full exam diet which will be detrimental to pupils. There are 3 potential scenarios regarding the end of year exams:

Scenario A: Full examination diet as per pre Covid times

Scenario B: Confirmation by end of March 2022 what areas of course work will be examined to facilitate pupils to focus on certain areas to study with guidance notes provided in exams

Scenario C: revert to alternative certificated model applied during past 2 years which provides a holistic approach.

CJ is witnessing level of stress and anxiety caused by exams on the pupils and is continuing to fight for pupil well being. JM will compose a letter on behalf of the parent council and send to the National Parent Forum for Scotland emphasising the impact of expected exam diet on our pupils. CJ has attended various meetings, head teacher platforms, all of whom are fighting for the well being of the children.

# A.O.C.B

JM – Attending Chair meeting on Wednesday 02/02/2022, update next meeting

* New banner for front of school has been bought and paid for. Still to be put up.
* ?Fundraising event, no commitment or arrangements at present
* Will ask CJ how many more benches could be sued in the current space and will enquire into cost of further purchases on behalf of parent council
* ?add plaques to benches “supplied by PC & link to PC page”
* Connex training from Connex for treasurer and fund raising. Will forward links to courses

KD – highlighted that not all parents are aware of PC meetings or FB page and offered to take over social media posts

Discussion within group acknowledging that poverty and inequality is sadly not reducing. ?How to support children in school. ?snacks/breakfast bars, toilet packs for pupils. YB will contact Alison Hopton to discuss further and feedback at next meeting.

WS – Add free transport link to PC FB page

**Next meeting**

Monday 28th February 2022

Guest speaker Norri Brown? PC McLellan?