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|  |  Parent Council Meeting  22nd January 2024  |
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| Attendees      Apologies   | Callum Johnston – Head Teacher June Murphy – Chair Carrie Davidson – Secretary Craig Leckie - TreasurerKaren Duff – PC MemberYvonne Bennet – PC memberLinda Mahood – ParentJulie Cameron – Parent Raymond Wilson – Parent   |

JM thanked all members for attending meeting and covered apologies. Previous minutes accepted.

**Head Teacher Report**

CJ thanked the PC for changing the meeting date to accommodate the MSYP which has now been postponed.

CJ advised the prelims commenced last week and attendance to the prelims has been high. The results of the prelims will not be given out till all prelims are finished. Pupils need to be able to concentrate on upcoming prelims without worrying about poor results from ones which they have sat.

CJ informed that there is a poor resource of supply teachers which makes sickness cover difficult. Budget cuts are also affecting the ability to pay for invigilators externally and therefore having to use current teaching staff for invigilating of prelims. The SQA pay for invigilators the final exam diet. The S4 prelims are taking place in the assembly hall with some S5 and S6 prelims taking place in classrooms.

CJ advised that study time for the actual exams will be discussed at tomorrow’s meeting. Work has started to prepare for next years staffing based on budgets and staffing levels for the number of pupils within the school. No staff are looking to be terminated in relation to figures.

The options process has begun to enable timetables to be arranged.

Currently there is a waiting list for pupils to join the S3 year group (5 pupils) with extra space to be created for the August 2024 session.

Head teachers are being asked to cast attention to 2026 due to significantly reduced funding which may result in staff who are due to be entitled to a permanent contract may find there is no funding to support the contracts. Funding has been present over the past 6 years but an exit strategy is now required to cope without the additional funding. Fuding to the Scottish Attainment Challenge has been gradually reduced.

CJ informed that the P7 pupils due to join Auchenharive Academy in August 2024 have an increasing number of pupils struggling with transition from primary to secondary. Some practical sessions in particular struggle with only 50 minute periods. Changes are being implemented to the new S1 timetable to include some classes continuing as current, some single practical sessions and some double practical periods for certain subjects. For core English and maths, regular primary and secondary meeting are taking pace. English and maths will be taught in S1 in the pupils current P7 class group. CJ is proposing that Auchenharive teachers attend primary schools to co-teach P7 pupils to ensure methodology, pupil relations and understanding capabilities of pupils, likely up til Christmas 2024 until skills are met and pupils can then progress into regular secondary classes.

JM asked bout Magic Breakfast Club meeting. Jill McLukie, lady due to meet with CJ regarding options and models available. JM completed an application for same and will attend the meeting with CJ and update at next meeting. JM also completed an application to Tesco for funding but has had no response as yet.

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JM and YB are meeting a lady who specialises in holistic therapy in relation to the PC Kindness theme for remainder of the current school session and will update at the next meeting.

CL advised the total raised from the Christmas Fayre last month was £110 after all expenses had been cleared.

JM suggested another fundraiser before the summer. ??race night. JM will cost up for possible mid-end of April 2024 and will discuss at next months meeting.

**Date of next meeting**

Monday 26th February 2024