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|  | Parent Council Meeting  25th March 2024 |
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| Attendees            Apologies | Callum Johnston – Head Teacher  Carrie Davidson – Secretary  Craig Leckie - Treasurer  Karen Duff – PC Member  Yvonne Bennet – PC member  June Murphy – Chair  Julie Cameron – Parent |

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

**Head Teacher Report**

CJ started by requesting names for guest speakers for further meeting. Letti Riddle will attend the next PC meeting as CJ is unavailable.

CJ advised that the Easter School timetable had been forwarded today which is taking place over the easter holidays. Works is in place for master class timetable which will be available to all pupils the day before each exam. There will also be an exam breakfast at 0730 on each day of the exams. CD highlighted previously suggested donation from the PC to support the exam breakfast which CJ confirmed would be gratefully appreciated. PC will discuss amount and arrange a cheque.

CJ informed there had been a drastic drop in the use of ear buds with minimal dispute against the new rules. Pupils and parents are keen to maintain the current mobile phone policy and CJ is happy not to change at present but will continue to monitor the use.

NAC budget for funding has been confirmed with the potential loss of librarians across all school. Other PC’s are actively working to try and help retains their librarians and CJ suggested if JM would be able to link with them for support. CD agreed she would update with JM.

CJ highlighted an increasing need for literacy support for pupils with less academic abilities which is being reviewed and addressed.

Some PEF money is being used for additional depute and pastoral care teachers. These posts will be on a 23 month contract as per employment law. Auchenharive Academy will have 4 depute and 4 pastoral teachers. 4 options have been put to staff and pupils and were voted on last week.

* Option 1: develop a 4th house
* Option 2: remove all houses and teachers look after a year group
* Option 3: Tartan system – vertical teacher and horizon teacher
* Option 4: Retain current house with additional staff looking after each year group

Results in order of preference were options 4, option 1, options 3 and option 2.

This will improve the work load for staff to improve the needs of pupils and will run from August 2024 to June 2026.

CJ will forward details to parents to notify who they will contact in relation to their child.

YB asked if these vacancies would be internal of external. CJ confirmed they have to be internal as they are only fixed term vacancies. CJ confirmed that there has been an advert for staff to support interhouse work.

Easter school is being funded with NAC although they budget has been reduced. CJ acknowledged the importance of running Easter school in order to support pupils.

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Issues raised included the parking of cars at the end of the school day on boxed areas and double yellow lines within the school grounds – to be discussed further at next meeting.

Dates of Prom and Prize giving’s to be confirmed with arrangements of donations from the PC.

**Date of next meeting**

Monday 29th April 2024