



**MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2022 @ 6:30pm by TEAMs
GREENWOOD ACADEMY
PARENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Present: K Hegarty – Head Teacher, C McKinlay – Secretary, C Kennedy – Treasurer,
6 Parents/Carers

Apologies: Mr Soave, Mrs Matthews

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<p>1. Welcome – K Hegarty All welcomed to the first meeting of the year and thanked for attending. TEAMs used for the first time tonight because Zoom is only bookable in 40 minute slots. Mrs Hegarty will chair the meetings until a new Chairperson is found. If interested, let Mrs Hegarty or Secretary, Mrs McKinlay know. Main functions of Chairperson involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Linking with Head Teacher ➤ Sharing any NAC/National information at Meetings ➤ Linking with inspection team if we are inspected this year <p>2. Last meeting Minutes 7/6/2022 approved and available on https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/na/greenwoodac/</p> <p>3. Treasurer Report – C Kennedy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Balance - £937.24 ➤ Parent Council can be involved in the forthcoming Participative Budget. ➤ Proposal to help with funding for the School Show – no objections - £150.00 to be provided from Parent Council Funds. <p>4. HT Update – K Hegarty Mrs Hegarty gave a slide show to discuss the following:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start; margin: 10px 0;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Parent Council 050922.pptx</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Groupcall.pdf</p> </div> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Feedback on future Parents’ Evenings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 342 parents/carers responded to the survey in June 2022 • 248 wanted face-to-face Parents Meetings • Some wanted a mix of face-to-face and online • Staff vote was 50/50 • Taking everything into account vote is to go back to face-to-face meetings • Parents’ Booking online system will still be used • Meetings to be held in the Atrium, teachers have a desk each • 5 minute slots given with appointments spread out • All Parents Evenings 4:30pm – 6:30pm • A link to a survey will be provided after each Parents’ Evening to see if opinion has changed 	CK

- All Briefing Evenings will be held online

➤ **School Results**

- May 2022 exams were held, first time in 2 years due to Covid pandemic
- Exam results have been analysed
- Skills for work courses, each Unit given points
- “Insight” is the Benchmarking tool used to see how we are doing as a School and is due in September and February.
- Due to different exam system in last 2 years it is difficult to make comparisons
- In 2019 we carried out a review to look at qualifications. Only 6 qualifications were on offer. We now offer 7 qualifications to be in line with other NAC schools, this has been a successful change.
- Many gained their 8th qualification through Applications of Maths
- 10 pupils achieved 8As, 5 pupils achieved 7As and Bs or Cs for their 8th qualification.
- 1 pupil achieved 4 Highers and 1 Advanced Higher
- Some pupils did Units only and were given recognition for work they did but didn't sit exams.
- National Progression Awards will be shared when Insight comes out.
- Tracking Reports will help show pathways. Class teachers, young people and parents/carers can have conversations and make decisions about any changes required to keep them on track.
- BGE (Broad General Education) – any concerns showing from tracking reports can be addressed by contacting Guidance Teachers, Class Teachers, Faculty Leads or Year Heads.
- L Mills said it was very good to see positive results in S6
- Appeals Process is ongoing and pupils/class teachers have submitted these to SQA.
- PSE classes are now having studying technique skills discussed

➤ **Extra-Curricular Activities**

- Children who feel part of the school do better in exam results
- Participation and social aspect of school being promoted
- Rich experiences can be gained which uphold school values
- 10 minute registration period every morning remind pupils what is on offer
- Supported Study and Easter school being planned
- Mr Neill pulling together everything that is available to pupils
- Amongst the opportunities available are:
 - PRISM
 - Chess
 - Lego Mindstorm Robotics
 - Debating Club
 - Sports Clubs
 - NASA Awards
 - Coaching and Mentoring

