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| Present | H Kane-Darling, D McNulty, C Ferguson, K Scott, E Burns |
| Apologies | E Tennant, L Booth, H Lynch, K Turner |
| Minutes of Previous Meeting | Approved |
| * HT UPDATE * PARENT COUNCIL PANEL * QUESTIONS TO HT * AOB * DONM | **STAFFING – EQUITY LEADERS**  5 PT teachers using PeF funding  1 post for Future Fridays  1 transition teacher for P7 pupils  Hi5 Award – helping those struggling to transition in 1st years  Olympic Medallist Louise Renicks Judo champ spent time with 2nd years.  3rd year focus on Girls Can group  3rd year focus for Support for Sport boys on mental health, football  All for boosting confidence and engagement.  **Future Fridays** – grown significantly  Average 130 kids  New College Lanarkshire – few courses not materialised, low uptake  Support Study classes, creative writing, hairdressing & childcare  Employability skills to come in NY.  **S4 PEF teacher/**  Working with those who are due to leave after S4 to give them an alternative curriculum to help get them other skills/qualifications  **Transition Teacher**  Will go to primaries after Xmas – so they’ll be prepared for their transition  **STAFFING**  Des Urquhart off to cover Deputy Head Post  Elspeth Brown will act in this vacancy  2 x permanent technical teachers.  **FIRE ALARMS**  Great support from Fire Service and H&S at NLC.  Modified Procedure advised by Fire Service.  **SENIOR PHASE TRACKING/PRELIMS**  Exams diet released.  Info released to pupils/parents early next week.  Will be over 10 days.  Will be held in Assembly Hall as no social distancing required.  Saturday schools operating.  Exam Diet starts early in 2022, 26th April.  **VIRTUAL PARENTS NIGHT FEEDBACK**  First virtual one.  Few technical difficulties – however generally good feedback.  5/6th year done, 4th next and likely will be for 3rd year too.  Will review after NY  **MENTAL HEALTH AMBASSADORS**  Post Xmas – train 6th year pupils to be on hand to help younger pupils. Layer of support.  In-service day focus on this too for staff and access to resources for them too.  **CHAPLAINS**  Hoping to have chaplains return soon.  **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**  Parents asked to consider taking on a role within PC, need Chair & Secretary.  Provide a statement for transition video issued to Primary pupils & parents.  **Absence of Teachers due to Covid –** coping well, not as bad as last year as no longer need to have isolate for 10 days.  **Covid mitigations** – still in place. Pupils need to try bring their own face-coverings as using hundreds of masks.  **SQA** – one to watch for any strike action  **PC ESSENTIAL TRAINING** – 18TH Nov online invites will be issued to those who expressed interest.  Wed 26th January 2022 at 6pm.  (usually LAST WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH, exception this month) |