

JOHNSTONE HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL AGM

MON 15TH MAY 2017

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Mrs Hollywood who was appointed as our permanent Head Teacher last month. We look forward to many years of you successfully leading our school.

The 2016/2017 school session has been another busy and productive year for the Parent Council, continuing its close involvement in the school life of Johnstone High. It was agreed that the Parent Council would meet once a term this year, to discuss issues raised by parent members and the wider parent forum. We welcomed several new parent members to the Council from our waiting list, as places naturally became available.

The Parent Council Constitution was revised and approved in February 17, primarily to include an additional fundraising objective.

As we approach the end of our second year I feel our team is now more established and continues to develop as a Parent Council. Two sub groups have been formed this session; one in Parental Engagement and the other a Funding Sub Group. A Parent Council Treasurer's bank account was opened with the appointment of a Treasury office bearer. Parent Council Insurance from SPTC (Scottish Parent Teacher Council) has also been purchased to provide full insurance cover for future fundraising events.

School Year 2016/2017

As a Parent Council, we have been delighted to support the school in many ways:

- P7 Primary School Roadshows
Parent Council members presented at the P7 primary school roadshows, promoting the school and discussing the role and activities of the Parent Council.
- Assisting in recruitment of senior appointments
Many parent members have been involved in assessment centre days and final interview panels to appoint the post of Head Teacher, Acting Deputes and various Principal Teachers throughout the year.
- Education Scotland Inspection Visit Nov 16
The Parent Council offered full support to the school throughout the inspection process. The Chair was interviewed by a school inspector and several parents had the opportunity to attend a parent focus group discussion with an inspector. The resultant report recognised and acknowledged that Johnstone High has a strong and supportive Parent Council.

- My School App/School Newsletter
As part of the drive to improve and maximise communication between the school and parents, a school app was successfully trialled and subsequently introduced for smartphone users. Parent Council members were involved in the trial and asked to download the app and provide feedback to the school. The Parent Council have also contributed to the school newsletter with an update each term. Whole school communication has improved significantly with the new style newsletter, school text system and daily use of the school's Twitter account.
- Parental Engagement Sub Group
Earlier in the year the Parental Engagement Sub Group were involved in a focus group meeting to discuss the new school values and aims. Tracking & Monitoring and Communication are also topics that have been discussed at a later Parental Engagement Sub Group meeting.
- Funding Sub Group
The Funding Sub Group have met regularly and are enthusiastically organising school fundraising events as well as applying for grant funding through various funding sources. A movie night for S1&S2 pupils was the Parent Council's first fundraising event held in February. It was enjoyed by all the pupils who attended and successfully raised £225. Our next event is a Car Boot Sale which is planned for Saturday 10th June. All monies raised by the Parent Council will be used to improve the school grounds for the benefit of the pupils.

Issues Discussed

The Parent Council have highlighted and discussed many issues over the course of the year. These issues include:

- Staffing and resources
- Education Scotland Inspection
- Implementation of Behaviour Policy
- Maths Department/Supported Study Programme
- Homework Policy - 'Show My Homework'
- Pupil Equity Fund & Scottish Attainment Challenge Monies

Presentations

SQA 2016 Results

Mrs Hollywood and Mr Miller delivered an SQA results presentation to the Parent Council at our September meeting. In terms of results, August 2016 saw some significant successes and achievements at individual pupil, subject and whole school level.

Maths Department

Mrs Condy, our new Principal Teacher for Maths gave a presentation to the Parent Council in February of her vision and plan to improve the standard and achievement of pupils in Maths.

In summary, the Parent Council are impressed and delighted with the excellent progress the school has made. Key milestones of session 2016/2017 were the Education Scotland Inspection visit and the appointment of our Head Teacher, giving Mrs Hollywood a mandate to continue to drive the school forward.

Sincere thanks to all my fellow Parent Council members who have again devoted their time, enthusiasm and commitment to support the school.

Thanks also to those parents on the Parent Council waiting list, for their patience. I'm delighted some have recently joined the Funding Sub Group.

A very big thank you to Paul, for all his hard work over the last two years as Secretary. He has decided to step down from this role, but will continue as a member of the Parent Council.

Thank you to Anne who has taken on the role of Minute Secretary and to Gillian, our Treasurer.

Finally, thank you to all the Senior Management Team and school staff who have shown enormous commitment to our school and worked tirelessly throughout the year. We look forward to working with and supporting our school again in the year ahead.

Diane Spence

Chairperson, Johnstone High School

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Johnstone High School Parent Council Treasury Account Details May 17

Date		Deposit	Withdrawal	
28-Feb-17			£18.60	
01-Mar-17		£216.00		
13-Apr-07		£9.00		
	Total	£225.00	£18.60	
	Balance			£206.40

