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**Gleniffer High School
Parent Council**

Subject: Parent Council Meeting

Date: 13th November 2023 7.00pm

Minutes taken by: Susan Gray

Venue: Gleniffer High School

Date Issued: 9th January 2024

Present:

PRESENT		APOLOGIES	
Julie Connell (JC)	Chairperson	Tracey Hawes (TH)	Parent Member
David Morrison (DM)	Vice Chairman	Lisa Watt (LW)	Parent Member
Susan Gray (SG)	Secretary		
Vicky Colquhoun (VC)	Parent Member		
Julie McCulloch (JM)	Parent Member		
Archie Speirs (AS)	Parent Member		
Katrina Gelston (KG)	Parent Member	ABSENT	
Nicola West (NW)	Parent Member	Pauline Erskine	Parent Member
Suzanne Baxter (SB)	Parent Member	Carol McCluskey	Parent Member
		Louise Muir	Parent Member
Lisa Chalmers (HT)	Head Teacher		
Jenna Bird	Student Leader		
Morven Gibson	Student Leader		
Abbie Fairlie	Depute Student Leader		
Ben Lyons	Depute Student Leader		
Lauren McMahon	Depute Student Leader		

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1 Welcome & Apologies

JC opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees. SG advised of apologies received.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the last PC Meeting held 2nd October 2023 were approved.

4. Head Teacher's report

Staffing

Ms Burns has been welcomed to the physics department and Ms McCorkindale to chemistry. LC expressed gratitude to Johnstone HS who gave GHS some time with a physics teacher and also to Mr Gillen who is targeting senior phase classes. LC wished Mrs Anderson (PT Modern Languages) well in her new career as she leaves this week and advised that a new PT has already been appointed who will hopefully start around Christmas time. Head of Service Tracy McGillivray will be leaving Renfrewshire Council to take up a new role as Head Teacher of Barony Campus in East Ayrshire.

SQA Attainment 2023

LC ran two study skills workshops last week. The pupils who attended seemed enthused and to have benefitted from the input, however far less attended than signed up. It is intended to hold further session after the Christmas break.

The attainment visit from the local authority is taking place on 21st November and LC advised she is finalising GHS' report on attainment this week and that she will be attending the local authority visit at Gryffe on 29th November.

There is a huge supported study offer is now in place with details on GHS website. Pupils can also sign up to esgoil webinars for extra help.

School Calendar/Events

A very successful foodbank collection was organised by the House Captains in October. Almost a ton of goods were collected and donated to Renfrewshire foodbank.

During October in-service, staff had a presentation from the Educational Psychology service on non-violent resistance, which is to support parents/carers and staff with de-escalating challenging behaviours. In the afternoon, staff from across the local authority met in their subject networks to share practice and work on SQA changes which are being introduced this session. These changes are actually the re-introduction of elements which had been removed after Covid such as added value units in National 4 and assignments in National 5/Higher. Feedback on this event was very encouraging and we are looking to organise an

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annual training session for staff in their subject areas.

P7 Open Evening took place on 1st November. This was, as always, a really busy night where parents and carers visited the classes and met staff. The P7 transition programme has already started with Gleniffer teachers attending local primaries delivering lessons.

Miss Bowie organised a fantastic trip to Iceland which went very well. The senior students who took part were able to see Geography in action and were a credit to the school.

Remembrance assemblies were held on Friday as a mark of respect to service men and women and their families. There were lovely performances from Alex Middleton and Campbell McArthur. Student leaders did a fantastic job of running the full assembly.

Other events scheduled are:

17th November – Children in Need Day
23rd November – St Andrew's Celebration Event
27th November – S5/6 Parents' Evening
29th November – Christmas Fayre
30th November – Holiday
4th December – N5 prelims begin
6th December – planned distribution S2 reports
18th December – Christmas Concert
20th December – planned distribution S1 Tracking
21st December- SnoBall
22nd December – Stop for holidays 2.30pm
8th January – return to school
10th January – H & AH prelims begin.
15th January – Parent Council meeting

5. Student Leaders' Update

SLs advised that the Halloween Disco went well and they made roughly £160 profit. SLs outlined the Children in Need activities which are lined up and have been advertised on GHS social media. In the run up to Christmas break, there will be a movie afternoon/night, Just Dance event and an own clothes day.

They are looking to organise an Afternoon Tea fundraiser possibly for the last Sunday in January (28th perhaps) for parents at a cost of £10-15 per person. There will be fizz, tea and coffee etc and they are looking for a venue for that.

Re the prom, the deposit of £500 has been paid to the Lynnhurst from the school's funds at the moment and will be repaid from funds raised and ticket sales in due course. The SLs reckon from fundraising they have profit of roughly £400 although they have not tallied up in detail. SLs have costed yearbooks (Paul from Civic Yearbooks providing costing of around £19 per person), hoodies (£22 per person) and the intention is to find sponsors to offset the yearbook costs.

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5. AOCB

None arising.

6. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 15th January 2024 at 7pm (the PTA will meet at 6.30pm) before the meeting was closed.

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