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**Gleniffer High School
Parent Council**

Subject: Parent Council Meeting

Date: 15th January 2024 7.00pm

Minutes taken by: Susan Gray

Venue: Gleniffer High School

Date Issued: 16th February 2024

Present:

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

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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 13th November 2023 were approved.

4. Head Teacher's report

Staffing

LC advised she is working on the annual staffing return, which looks at staffing for session 2024-25. This is a complex piece of work as it relies on knowing information about staff and their working preferences in terms of hours as well as pupil options. The timetable needs to be built around staffing but staffing also informs what GHS can do with the timetable.

Mrs Martin is currently off sick with LC covering part of her remit and other staff are covering some other aspects. Parents and carers of Brodie pupils have been informed of the temporary arrangements. LC advised they are continuing to juggle the science timetable with long-term absence being an issue. It will be the February weekend at the earliest before things start to improve.

2. Uniform

LC met with a representative from Schoolwear Made Easy before the holidays to discuss some possible updates to GHS uniform. LC advised they are really battling with the standard of uniform and it causes LC a lot of concern when it is becoming more and more apparent amongst young people about the socio-economic divide in the community. Samples of the new uniform pieces were shown to the PC members and will be launched for the new session. LC advised they have also agreed to look at the senior blazers as the current design is still a traditional cord embroidery around the edges. To change to the tape ribbon design would make each blazer £10 cheaper.

The costs for the new items are:

¼ zip top £19.95

Full zip hoodie £19.95

Hoodie £17.95

Blazer with tape £49.95

LC's plan is to do a lot of promotion around these items and make a real push on uniform after Easter so parents and carers are well informed about what is available. Schoolwear Made Easy also donated some red ¼ zips for PE.

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3. School Calendar/Events

Children in Need – Student Leaders and House Captains did a fantastic job throughout the week fundraising and in total raised £2015.71.

St Andrew's Celebration Evening – this was a new addition to the school calendar and was a fabulous night. Young performers entertained the guests with pieces by Scottish Artists through the years. It wouldn't be a Scottish party without a ceilidh and GHS' own ceilidh band, which is a mixture of pupils and staff, performed together for the first time. The only slightly disappointment was the lack of attendance from members of the school community. Hopefully as the music department continue to impress, more people will come along to events.

Winter Fayre – LC expressed that it was an amazing success and thanked the PTA and PC members who supported and also the pupils who came along to help out.

National 5 Prelims – LC advised these ran without any issue, smoothly organised by Mr Gould, Mrs Foley and the invigilation team and that the Higher and Advanced Higher prelims are underway.

Christmas Concert – another fabulous night run by the music department and involving the talent of Gleniffer High with pupils doing a great job of getting everyone into the Christmas spirit. A lovely touch was the pupils who performed from GHS cluster primaries. LC visited them on the last day of term to give them their first extra-curricular badges.

SnoBall – this was another well-organised night by the Student Leaders who made sure everyone who attended enjoyed themselves.

22nd January – S4 Options Begin

23rd January – S3 Pupil Progress Evening

25th January – S2 Options Information for Parents and Carers

W/B 29th January – S4 Tracking Issued

1st February – S2 Pupil Progress Evening

5th February – S2 & S5 Options begin

12th & 13th February – Holidays

14th February – In-service

5. Student Leaders' Update

Student Leaders and Depute Leaders were absent as in midst of sitting prelims and had passed on their apologies.

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5. AOCB

None arising.

6. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 19th February 2024 at 7pm (the PTA will meet at 6.30pm) before the meeting was closed.