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Gleniffer High School Parent Council AGM

Subject: Parent Council Meeting AGM

Date: 2nd September 2024 at 7.00pm

Minutes taken by: Susan Gray

Venue: Gleniffer High School

Date Issued: * 2024

Present:

PRESENT		APOLOGIES	
Susan Gray (SG)	Secretary	Julie Connell (JC)	Chairperson
Vicky Colquhoun (VC)	Parent Member	David Morrison (DM)	Vice Chairperson
Lisa Watt (LW)	Parent Member	Tracey Hawes	Parent Member
Nicola West (NW)	Parent Member	Julie McCulloch (JM)	Parent Member
Danielle Toogood	New Parent Member	Suzanne Baxter (SB)	Parent Member
Emma Moore	New Parent Member	Pauline Erskine	Parent Member
		Carol McCluskey	Parent Member
		Katrina Gelston (KG)	Parent Member
		Roxanne Costello	New Parent Member
		Lyndsay McLaughlin	New Parent Member
		ABSENT	
		Archie Speirs (AS)	Parent Member
		Louise Muir	Parent Member
Lisa Chalmers (HT)	Head Teacher	Kenneth Fearnie	Prospective Member
		Samantha Jones	Prospective Member
Events Class Members		Zoe Smith	Prospective Member
Isla Scott	Student	Pauline Shields	Prospective Member
Olivia Milton	Student	Cherine Divers	Prospective Member
Lauren Ferguson	Student	Pamela Anderson	Prospective Member
Romey Aitken	Student	Omolegho Sedenu Ayuba	Prospective Member
Hayley Johnston	Student	Kirsty Lafferty	Prospective Member
		Lorna McLaren	Prospective Member*
		Jenni Harrison	Prospective Member*

*Individuals only contacted after 5pm on date of AGM

1 Welcome & Apologies

SG deputised for JC, opened the meeting, welcomed the attendees and related the apologies received.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the last PC Meeting held 3rd June 2024 were approved.

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3. Chairperson's Overview of Session 2023-24

SG conveyed JC's brief report on the matters discussed by the Parent Council in the last session. A copy is attached.

4. Members & Office Bearers

SG expressed disappointment at the lack of attendance of parties who had been informed that they had been successful in the ballot and advised that several of the parties had since (and as late as that afternoon) intimated they were withdrawing their interest in joining. SG advised she is contacting further prospective new members in the order as drawn in the ballot to invite them to join. SG advised that she understands that further members can be co-opted onto the Parent Council if deemed appropriate or desirable and nominated VC to be appointed as PTA representative which was duly seconded. SG explaining to those present that at the moment there is no Treasurer as the Parent Council have not been involved in any fundraising activities, this being dealt with by the PTA although that may change if the PTA decide to move under the banner of the Parent Council as a sub-committee with PTA members being non-voting members of the Parent Council.

Nominations/volunteers to take the Office Bearer roles were invited particularly from the new members but none were forthcoming. SG explaining that JC and SG have both been in roles of Chair and Secretary for one year and VC nominating both to continue in those roles given the lack of any other individuals coming forward. SG advising that JC had intimated she would be happy to stay on in that role if no other party came forward and SG confirming she was happy to continue as Secretary this year. The nominations were seconded and therefore JC and SG will remain as members in those roles.

SG expressing an invitation to all those present to join as volunteers of the PTA and explaining they are welcome to be part of both the PC and the PTA.

5. Open Discussion Forum

SG advising that the new Parent Council will need to adopt an updated Constitution and that the current version cannot be located. SG suggesting that the new Constitution be framed in as flexible a way as possible to include removing the 2 year cap for individuals serving as members and office bearers to cover the situation where there is insufficient interest to even reach the minimum number of members. SG advising that she will prepare and circulate a draft for consideration and future discussion. All members present agreed with this general approach.

5. AOCB

None arising. SG thanked all present and closed the AGM.