



**Gleniffer High School
Parent Council**

Subject: Parent Council Meeting

Date: 3rd June 2024 at 7.00pm

Minutes taken by: Vicky Colquoun

Venue: Gleniffer High School

Date Issued: 31st August 2024

Present:

PRESENT		APOLOGIES	
Julie Connell (JC)	Chairperson	David Morrison (DM)	Vice Chairman
Vicky Colquhoun (VC)	Parent Member	Susan Gray (SG)	Secretary
Katrina Gelston (KG)	Parent Member	Julie McCulloch (JM)	Parent Member
		Lisa Watt (LW)	Parent Member
		Tracey Hawes	Parent Member
		Nicola West (NW)	Parent Member
		Suzanne Baxter (SB)	Parent Member
Lisa Chalmers (HT)	Head Teacher		
Elizabeth McGillivray (DHT)	Deputy Head Teacher	ABSENT	
		Archie Speirs (AS)	Parent Member
		Pauline Erskine	Parent Member
		Carol McCluskey	Parent Member
		Louise Muir	Parent Member

1 Welcome & Apologies

JC opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees. Apologies received were intimated.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the last PC Meeting held 22nd April 2024 were approved.

3. Head Teacher's report

Staffing

LC advised several appointments have been made since the last meeting:

- Miss Amy Carrigan has been appointed as Teacher of Support for Learning. Miss Carrigan is a primary qualified practitioner and brings an excellent skillset to support our learners in the BGE.
- Miss MacDonald is now a permanent member of staff in Geography.
- Miss Haining is now a permanent member of staff in Maths.

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- Mr Grier will join us as a temporary teacher of Technical in August, covering Mrs Niven's maternity leave.
- Ms Abercrombie will join us as a temporary teacher of RMPS in August, covering Mrs Stewart's maternity leave.
- LC advised there is a further maternity leave in Art to be appointed, however Ms Arnold and Ms Blackburn-Turner have started to cover Mrs Frew and Mrs Hunter's maternity leave – also both Art Department staff.
- LC advised the School will be recruiting for a teacher of English. Mrs Hall is relocating to Perth and has therefore resigned her position.
- Miss Coulshed has also resigned her position as she is relocating to Portugal.
- LC wishing Miss Banach (History), Miss Cameron (Geography), Mr Carr (PE), Mrs McCorkindale (Chemistry) and Miss Bolton (Music) well as they finish up their year with GHS.

LC also wishing the very best to Mrs Urquhart (Business) who is retiring at Summer after 27 years of service in Gleniffer High School and explaining that Mrs Urquhart is the kind of teacher all staff should aspire to be. Mrs Urquhart has never lost her patience, enthusiasm or commitment to her job and will be very much missed in her department and by pupils. All staff and the Parent Council conveying their gratitude and good wishes to Mrs Urquhart for a healthy and happy retiral.

School Calendar/Events before end of Session 2023-24

6th June - Prom Lynnhurst Hotel
18th June - Sports Day
19th June - School Show
20th June - S1 Royal Highland Show, School Show
26th June - Gold Day
27th June - End of term 1.00pm

Senior Leadership Team Remits

LC advising that from August and after a period of reflection and evaluation, Depute Headteachers will be changing remits. There will be no change to house groupings - instead strategic aspects of the remits will move around, allowing the DHTs to work in pairs on evaluation and forward planning. The roles will be as follows from August:

Mrs Martin – Attainment
Mr Gould – Curriculum
Mrs Pless – Learning and Teaching
Mr Gray – Pupil Support

School Improvement Review

LC advising that as part of Renfrewshire's Quality Improvement Framework, schools are subject to a local authority review on a 3-yearly basis. This year the decision was made to not review Gleniffer High as it was expected the school would have been visited by Education Scotland by then. This has not yet come to pass and therefore LC has agreed with the local authority to a school review on 16th-18th September 2024. This will take the form of an inspection with a team observing practice in school and meeting with groups of staff, pupils and parents/carers. A final report will be produced with strengths and recommendations for next steps in the improvement agenda. It is likely that LC will ask members of Parent Council to be part of focus groups.

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School Priorities 2024-25

LC advising that, unusually, she has not yet finished with the school improvement plan or pupil equity plan, partly due to time pressures and partly due to trying to create a narrow focus each year for each of the next three years. LC explaining that a lot of time has been spent reviewing and evaluating data relative to various matters such as attainment, employability figures, health and wellbeing data and pupil engagement. This is leading LC to focus purely on "Closing the Gap". LC advising that this will not be solely about attainment and there also needs to be focus on health and wellbeing outcomes and positive destinations, focusing on the gap between our most and least deprived young people. LC advising the plan will largely be written around:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Attainment
- Teaching and Learning
- Careers and employability

The Pupil Equity Plan will also have the same focus but will be narrowed in on specific young people who will be targeted for specific interventions with the aim of improving their overall outcomes.

A summary copy will be sent to Parent Council before the final version is published on the website. Noting that LC hopes to get a summary graphic drawn up again to make our improvement journey more accessible.

Parent Council Dates Next Session

2nd September 2024 (AGM)
7th October 2024
4th November 2024
9th December 2024
13th January 2025
10th February 2025
10th March 2025
28th April 2025

Anti-Bullying Leaflet

Elizabeth McGillivray presented to the Parent Council a new leaflet developed to use in GHS re anti-bullying.

5. AOCB

None arising.

6. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as the AGM on Monday 2nd September 2024 at 7pm (the PTA may meet at 6.30pm) before the meeting was closed.

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