



Gleniffer High School
Parent Council

Subject: Parent Council Meeting

Date: 4th November 2024 7.00pm

Minutes taken by: Susan Gray

Venue: Gleniffer High School

Date Issued: 7th December 2024

Present:

PRESENT		APOLOGIES	
Julie Connell (JC)	Chairperson	Suzanne Baxter (SB)	Parent Member
Susan Gray (SG)	Secretary	Archie Speirs (AS)	Parent Member
Vicky Colquhoun (VC)	PTA Representative	Emma Moore (EM)	Parent Member
Nicola West (NW)	Parent Member		
Tracey Hawes (TH)	Parent Member		
Lyndsay McLaughlin (LM)	Parent Member		
Lisa Watt (LW)	Parent Member		
Danielle Toogood (DT)	Parent Member		
Stuart Galbraith (StG)	Parent Member		
Jenni Harrison (JH)	Parent Member		
Katrina Gelston (KG)	Parent Member		
Julie McCulloch (JM)	Parent Member	ABSENT	
Lisa Chalmers (HT)	Head Teacher		

1 Welcome & Apologies

JC opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees and in particular the new members JH and SG and returning member KG. SG advised of apologies received.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the last PC Meeting held 7th October 2024 were approved.

3. Head Teacher's report

Staffing

Two members of staff who were absent long-term are now on a phased return to work which is going well. Pupils and staff have been pleased to welcome them back.

Ms Fusilli has resigned her position and is moving into the Private Sector. She will finish up this Friday. LC advertised the permanent position and has had no applicants so the department is now going to be short of two technical teachers. There is also no supply staff available.

OFFICIAL

Mr Gould, Mrs McNeil and LC are currently looking at how they can support the situation, with senior phase classes being a priority. However, unless external support is secured LC I will need to re-write the whole school timetable. This will be an extensive piece of work and will mean the timetables of all pupils in the school will need to change. There is also likely to be minimal tech delivery in S1 and S2 and some S3 classes may be affected.

School Review

LC delivered key messages from the School Review and a copy of the presentation with info is attached.

Magic Breakfast

LC was delighted to announce that GHS has been approved to work with Magic Breakfast. This charitable organisation provides breakfast free of charge to young people in schools across the country. They give the participating school a £250 start-up grant for the project for equipment and they provide food every week but the school has to make a financial contribution each year which is £970.50 in the first year and £1,800 per annum thereafter. LC asked the PTA if a donation from funds raised could be made towards the scheme. It is also intended to organise some targeted fundraising as well. GHS is the 7th in Renfrewshire to be involved across the primaries and secondaries. The launch will be a soft start in the last week of this term. They will be advertising to pupils, parents and carers throughout December. On offer will be toast, bagels, crumpets, porridge, cereal, baked beans and fruit along with tea and hot chocolate. All pupils can access this breakfast provision which will be set up in the social area, however we will target specific young people who we are concerned may be coming in to school hungry for whatever reason. It is hoped that by giving them a healthy start to the day, their learning can be more productive.

An online assembly for the whole school will take place on 7th January and a staff input on 14th February.

Calendar dates

8th November - Remembrance Assemblies
11th November - S4 Pupil Progress Evening
12th November - Cycling Scotland visit including Jack Carlin assembly for S4&5 pupils.
12th November - Gleniffer HS Attainment meeting with local authority
15th November - Children in Need Fundraising Day
19th November - S5/6 Pupil Progress Evening
21st November - St Andrew's Evening

S3 Tracking reports are imminent; S2 full reports will be due around the end of November depending on the quality assurance part of the exercise.

4. S3 HFT Class

Three pupils talked to the Parent Council about the Dumfries House Project they are participating in and appealed for some funding - £85 – from the PTA for their project. They intend to purchase lettuce seeds and at the S2 parents' evening have an information session educating parents and pupils about food waste and including providing a book of recipes that can be used for leftover food or food that would otherwise be put in the bin. They will be talking with a local supermarket for ideas of what to do in particular with out of date lettuce. On their visits to Dumfries House they have been carrying out scientific research, growing produce, using that produce in their class and will be entering a competition in March. The PC were very impressed with the pupils and wished them well. The PTA members present confirmed they would be happy to make the requested contribution.

OFFICIAL

OFFICIAL

5. AOCB

JC highlighted to members that the Christmas Fayre is coming up on Thursday 28th November to which all are welcome. Volunteers, tombola and raffle donations are invited.

6. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 9th December 2024 at 7pm before the meeting was closed.

OFFICIAL