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**Gleniffer High School
Parent Council**

Subject: Parent Council Meeting

Date: 7th October 2024 7.00pm

Minutes taken by: Susan Gray

Venue: Gleniffer High School

Date Issued: 2nd November 2024

Present:

PRESENT		APOLOGIES	
Julie Connell (JC)	Chairperson	Suzanne Baxter (SB)	Parent Member
Susan Gray (SG)	Secretary	Tracey Hawes (TH)	Parent Member
Vicky Colquhoun (VC)	PTA Representative	Stuart Galbraith (SG)	Parent Member
Nicola West (NW)	Parent Member	Jenni Harrison (JH)	Parent Member
Tracey Hawes (TH)	Parent Member		
Lyndsay McLaughlin (LM)	Parent Member		
Lisa Watt (LW)	Parent Member		
Danielle Toogood (DT)	Parent Member		
Emma Moore (EM)	Parent Member		
Lisa Chalmers (HT)	Head Teacher		
		ABSENT	
		Roxanne Costello	Parent Member
		Omoregho Sedenu Ayuba	Parent Member

1 Welcome & Apologies

JC opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees. There were short introductions of the new members JC had not yet met. SG advised of apologies received.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the last PC Meeting held 2nd September 2024 were approved.

4. Head Teacher's report

Staffing

LC advised of staffing changes that have taken place in recent weeks already.

Mrs Hall has now left and relocated to Perth, and LC wished her the very best with this move. Mrs McGlynn has returned on a supply basis and LC will be advertising 0.6 Temp Teacher of English again in the near future.

Miss Flett demitted her post of Principal Teacher of English last week. Dr Finnigan is now Acting Principal Teacher of English. LC will wait a few months before advertising this on a permanent basis.

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Miss Donald Music NQT has decided to follow a different career path and will finish up with GHS this week. Mrs Priestly is returning on a temporary basis after the holidays.

Miss Fusilli has resigned her position as Teacher of Technical, deciding to move into the private sector. LC is in the process of advertising her permanent position. There is still a Technical temporary vacancy (maternity leave) which LC advises they have been unable to fill. LC advised she has managed to secure an excellent Art supply teacher who is delivering the aspects of design in Technical and can do some metalwork too. Changes had to be made to the timetable and curriculum offer and LC hopes a permanent member of staff is secured soon.

LC advised one staff member who is off on long-term sick leave is starting a phased return soon which should help in one of the departments.

School Review

LC advised the school review went ahead as planned last month although the final report is awaited. LC reported that the initial findings are that the school is in a very good position with a clear vision for improvement and with all staff and almost all pupils on board. The reviewers were very complimentary about the students. LC explained that pupil views are considered and acted upon across all areas of the school and staff have a clear responsibility for continuous improvement. Teaching and learning was found to be good, however LC and the management team are pushing to get to 'very good' and will discuss this at the next whole staff meeting in November. All staff are involved in authority wide CLPL on teaching and learning this Friday.

Insight analysis

LC advised the cohort update has now been released and took the Parent Council through key measures and identified areas of strength and improvement. Attainment meetings with departments are now underway, facilitated by Mrs Martin and LC.

Black History Month

LC informed the Parent Council that the Student Council are leading on Black History Month and that a whole school teams assembly on Thursday took place where LC introduced the concept of BHM and today members of the Student Council gave it more attention with more in-depth information.

The pupils are also working with a graffiti artist on Thursday to produce wall art in the school courtyard which recognises the school values and will also link in with the students' work on tackling discrimination.

Posters about influential black people are being displayed around the school and some departments are delivering lessons which have a specific anti-racist focus.

Tying it all up is a Culture Day on 1st November where staff and pupils from different ethnic groups will be able to showcase food, music and fashion from their heritage.

Other matters

LC reported that the S1 Parent Progress evening had a poor turnout with parents of only 62% of pupils attending.

LC will be holding study skills sessions and there will be attainment meetings with pupils.

The students are working on a radio project for the school.

Calendar dates

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25th October 2024 - S3 Tracking deadline

30th October 2024 - Senior Halloween Dance and S1-3 Halloween movies and disco in the afternoon.

5. AOCB

None arising.

6. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 4th November 2024 at 7pm before the meeting was closed.

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