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**Gleniffer High School
Parent Council**

Subject: Parent Council Meeting

Date: 9TH December 2024 7.00pm

Minutes taken by: Susan Gray

Venue: Gleniffer High School

Date Issued: 11th December 2024

Present:

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

1 Welcome & Apologies

JC opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees and SG advised of apologies received.

2. Minutes

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

3. Head Teacher's report

Staffing

LC advised they have managed to recruit one Technical teacher who it is hoped will be starting on 6th January. The annual staffing return which looks at teaching staff required for next session is being worked on presently and will be returned to the local authority mid –January. This is used this to work on our curricular offer and options.

Options Process

LC advised the options process for S4 and S5 will begin in January, closely followed by S2. Videos about curricular pathways are on our website and teachers will be discussing the different options in each subject area in classes.

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Depute Head Teachers and Pastoral Support Teachers will interview every young person to support their decisions about options and ensure they are maximising their attainment through their course choices.

School Events

Student Leaders and House Captains organised a successful fundraising week for Children in Need. A range of events including Staff vs Pupils football, Eating Challenge, Hair shaving and waxing and together over £1200 was raised for the charity. Pupils really enjoyed the week and LC commended the seniors on doing a great job of organising the events.

The St Andrew's event was a great success with lots of lovely performances and some pupils really stepping out of their comfort zone. It was finished off with a couple of ceilidh dances and the team showcased the talents of GHS' young people. Some returning staff even came back to support.

LC informed that the panto trip went well last week with 195 pupils visiting the Pavillion Theatre with lots of staff and five family members who volunteered to help. LC emphasised that the school cannot run big events and outings like this without parental support as it has a massive impact on class cover within the school. LC expressing gratitude to the family volunteers.

National 5 prelims are up and running and LC was pleased to see pupils taking the experience seriously. There is a team of invigilators supporting the exams, including additional assessment arrangements.

Future events

LC advised that the Magic Breakfast initiative launches on Monday 16th December. A letter has been sent to parents and carers and pupils have been informed at assemblies.

The Christmas Concert takes place on Monday 16th December from 6.30pm. There will be a variety of performances on the night to get parents and pupils in the festive mood. Tickets are available on ParentPay.

The S1/2 Xmas Dance takes place on the afternoon of Tuesday 17th December. Pupils should wear uniform in the morning and can get changed at lunch. PE have them practising their social dancing. On the same afternoon S3 pupils can opt in to a Xmas movie which event is being organised by the S4 Retail Class as part of their qualification. Tickets are available for both of these events on ParentPay.

The Events Management class are organising a Talent Show on Wed 18th December during P5&6. Again, tickets are available on ParentPay and must be bought in advance and is sure to be a big success. The Events Class pupils need to organise an event as part of their qualification, so LC wished them luck with this new activity.

The SnoBall which is open to S4-6 pupils on Thursday 19th December will run from 7.00-9.30pm. Pupils are expected to maintain attendance throughout next week, including on the day of the dance. The Student Leaders organise this event and have arranged food and refreshments for all those attending.

Higher and Advanced Higher prelims begin on Tuesday 7th January.

5. AOCB

One member asked when S2 Reports would be issued and LC advising they are imminent.

6. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 13th January 2025 at 7pm before the meeting was closed. JC wished all members a Merry Christmas.

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