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Gleniffer High School Parent Council

Subject: Parent Council Meeting

Date: 10th February 2025 7.00pm

Minutes taken by: Susan Gray

Venue: Gleniffer High School

Date Issued: 2nd March 2025

Present:

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

1. Welcome & Apologies

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

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the last PC Meeting held 13th January 2025 were approved.

3. Head Teacher's report

Staffing

Mrs Bond has joined the Art department, continuing the maternity cover for Mrs Frew. LC advised the PT English post will soon be advertised with recruitment expected to take place in March. A number of staff will be returning from maternity leave post-Easter through to the summer holidays.

Careers

Mr Gould organised a highly successful Careers Fayre on 30th January. Senior Phase Pupils met with colleges, universities and employers. LC advised that the feedback from all the representatives was very complimentary about pupils and the young people themselves reported finding the event very useful.

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The school will be working with Meg Dunne on a pilot project looking at the skills development of young people. This will link well with our Critical skills process, extra-curricular programme and the re-launch of My World of Work.

Attainment Interviews

LC has been meeting with S4 pupils following their prelims. The focus has been on pupils who are underachieving in National 5 courses and significantly below their target grades.

Common themes:

- Poor attendance and pupils failing to understand the impact of poor attendance on their learning.
- Leaving it too late to study.
- Not understanding how to study – this was more prevalent in some subjects than others.

LC is now extracting some pupils from Core time (PE/PSE/RMPS) to support them with study planning and habits. This will be a regular timetabled slot in their week and while it does not remove the need to self-study, it should provide pupils with some support in getting into good habits.

Exam Leave

LC advised that due to a very late change to the exam diet, exam leave dates have had to be adjusted as well as S6 graduation and last day. The exam diet now begins on 25th April (Friday) and it is planned that exam leave for all students will begin on 24th April.

The S6 graduation will now take place on 23rd April 2025 at 6.30pm (*date issued after date of meeting*).

Pupils will return to school on Tuesday 3rd June from exam leave. Pupils in S1/2 & 3 will change timetable the week before (after the holiday weekend).

Inspection

LC advised that she has been informed of an Education Scotland inspection in the week beginning 3rd March. HMI will inspect Gleniffer High in what is known as the “short model” covering two Quality Improvement Indicators namely, 2.3 Learning, Teaching and Assessment; and 3.2 Raising Attainment for All.

LC advised the PC members that she would appreciate them promoting the completion of Parent/Carer questionnaires which will be sent electronically once received. There will also be a focus group of parents and carers during this week. Parents and carers can opt to be part of a focus group and volunteers from the council would be helpful. The schedule for the week will be worked on with the inspection team over the next few weeks. The timing of the parent session will be confirmed asap.

6. AOCB

None arising.

6. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 10th March 2025 at 7pm before the meeting was closed.

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