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**Gleniffer High School
Parent Council**

Subject: Parent Council Meeting

Date: 10th March 2025 at 7.00pm

Minutes taken by: Susan Gray

Venue: Gleniffer High School

Date Issued: 26th April 2025

Present:

PRESENT		APOLOGIES	
Julie Connell (JC)	Chairperson	Suzanne Baxter (SB)	Parent Member
Susan Gray (SG)	Secretary	Lisa Watt (LW)	Parent Member
Vicky Colquhoun (VC)	PTA Representative	Tracey Hawes (TH)	Parent Member
Nicola West (NW)	Parent Member	Jenni Harrison (JH)	Parent Member
Emma Moore (EM)	Parent Member		
Lyndsay McLaughlin (LM)	Parent Member		
Julie McCulloch (JM)	Parent Member		
Archie Speirs (AS)	Parent Member		
Katrina Gelston (KG)	Parent Member		
Lisa Chalmers (HT)	Head Teacher		
		ABSENT	
S3 Pupils			
Emma McCulloch		Danielle Toogood (DT)	Parent Member
Murray Johnston		Stuart Galbraith (StG)	Parent Member
Mason Mkangama			

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 10th February 2025 were approved.

3. Young Leaders of Learning

Three S3 pupils – Emma McCulloch, Murray Johnston and Mason Mkangama – presented to the Parent Council about their experience of and involvement with the Young Leaders of Learning Programme. They explained the purpose of the programme which is to help young people to be more actively involved in helping to improve their schools by participating in reciprocal visits to other schools to identify what is working well, areas for improvement and effective practice and also promoting ways that children and young people can be involved in school improvement activities in their own school. Castlehead High had visited GHS and vice versa with there having been feedback on both schools.

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4. Head Teacher's report

Staffing

LC advised that there are no current changes to staffing, however they are working towards planning for the new session which includes analysis of pupil options to determine which subjects may need an increase or reduction in staffing. LC assured the Parent Council that they will do all they can to accommodate pupil options however they must work within a staffing budget which does at times have an impact on how many classes can be offered within subjects. Mr Gould is the timetabler and will be working on this in the weeks leading up to the holidays.

Exam Leave – Update

The S6 graduation will now take place on 23rd April with the S6 Last day on 4th April.

Show Racism the Red Card Workshops

Show Racism the Red Card are running workshops on 12th March. The focus for these is about developing anti-racist approaches and looking at the impact of racism. Pupils have the opportunity to sign up for a space. Some groups of pupils will be targeted who would benefit from the workshops given their particular interests, as an avenue to help them have a strong voice in anti-racism.

Inspection

LC advised the inspection is now complete and was delighted to report that the inspection team are disengaging from Gleniffer HS - it will be years before there is another inspection.

LC will be working with the Managing Inspector over the next few weeks to finalise the Summarised Inspection Findings and the letter which is published for the school community. Overall grades and the comments for the letter cannot be shared until everything has been finalised however LC was able to share the following:

Strengths

- Caring and supportive relationships. The learning environment is positive and supportive, with motivated and engaged young people.
- Improvements in consistency in approaches to the learning experience with common language being used consistently across the school.
- Positive destinations, partnership working, approach to equity.
- SCQF levels 3 and 4 using qualifications well to improve outcomes for learners against Virtual Comparator.

Improvement

- When planning learning experiences using pupil information to ensure differentiated approaches, enabling all young people to reach their potential.
- Improving attainment - quality of passes at SCQF levels 5 and 6. Need more As!

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5. S3 HFT Class

LC was delighted to report that the HFT students had now completed their project, presenting same at Dumfries House and had won the competition! The Parent Council conveyed their congratulations to the students for their hard work and well-deserved success.

6. AOCB

None arising.

6. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 28th April 2025 at 7pm before the meeting was closed.

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