



**Gleniffer High School
Parent Council**

Subject: Parent Council Meeting

Date: 19th February 2024 7.00pm

Minutes taken by: Susan Gray

Venue: Gleniffer High School

Date Issued: 16th March 2024

Present:

PRESENT		APOLOGIES	
Julie Connell (JC)	Chairperson	David Morrison (DM)	Vice Chairman
Susan Gray (SG)	Secretary	Lisa Watt (LW)	Parent Member
Vicky Colquhoun (VC)	Parent Member	Suzanne Baxter (SB)	Parent Member
Julie McCulloch (JM)	Parent Member	Archie Speirs (AS)	Parent Member
Katrina Gelston (KG)	Parent Member	Nicola West (NW)	Parent Member
Tracey Hawes (TH)	Parent Member		
Lisa Chalmers (HT)	Head Teacher		
		ABSENT	
Jenna Bird	Student Leader	Pauline Erskine	Parent Member
Morven Gibson	Student Leader	Carol McCluskey	Parent Member
Abbie Fairlie	Depute Student Leader	Louise Muir	Parent Member
Ben Lyons	Depute Student Leader		
Lauren McMahon	Depute Student Leader		

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 15th January 2024 were approved.

4. Head Teacher's report

Staffing

LC advised that unfortunately staffing in Science has not yet improved with two members of the Physics department still off sick. The Department are doing all they can via rotation of classes, additional study slots and now Saturday morning tutorials to help the pupils. There are no physics teachers available on supply.

Mr Madden has been appointed Permanent Principal Teacher of Mathematics in recent interviews.

Adverts are out for maternity leave posts which are starting in the next few months in Art & Technical.

Mrs MacDougall has returned from maternity leave and both Mrs Thomson (Maths) and Mrs Williams (PT Inclusion) are also returning soon. There will be an Acting PT Inclusion post to be filled one day per week.

Uniform

Photos of pupils in the new uniform items have been taken and are now being advertised. The new items can be ordered from Easter for next session.

SQA Attainment

With prelims all finished and marked, Mr Gould and LC held a series of attainment meetings with each department. The focus was to look at a comparison of this year's performance in relation to previous years and identify any issues/concerns with individuals or courses.

LC advised that the overwhelming message is that staff are struggling to cope with inconsistent or poor attendance and a perceived lack of motivation amongst pupils; LC advised they always find an improvement between prelim and final exams, however the only way this happens is through consistent attendance, work in class and private study. LC and Mr Gould have decided to run an event to support parents/carers who may need advice on how best to support and motivate their children in the coming weeks. This will take place on Thursday 29th February at 6.30pm and will involve a presentation then inputs from every department about what needs to be done now for best chances of success. A letter will be sent out with this information tomorrow.

Pupil Feedback

The feedback received was shared with Parent Council. LC advised they will be feeding back to pupils and looking to delve into some of the questions and responses in more depth.

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School Calendar/Events

Student Council members went on a Black History walking tour of Glasgow at the end of January. This is to support their work on equality and discrimination. This was an amazing experience and gave the pupils so much to talk about. They are now preparing questions for a school-wide survey which will give the information needed to start developing the school's film and plans for Health Week.

Graduation

S6 Graduation will be on 18th April when leavers will receive their Certificate with parents in attendance for the ceremony and with some musical entertainment etc.

5. Student Leaders' Update

The SLs advised that their next event is the Afternoon Tea at Charleston Bowling Club on 3rd March from 2-5pm and that tickets are on sale via Parentpay. There will be the usual food and refreshments, the bar will be open and they are holding two raffles – general and one with a big prize – and a Kahoot Quiz too.

The Yearbook preparations are in full flow and they are ingathering student quotes for compilation. They advised there is a dedicated Committee dealing with the arrangements.

The order for Hoodies has been submitted.

Prom tickets are now on sale via Parentpay and with the fundraising they have managed to get the price to £41 per head. The teachers attending can buy tickets at a concessionary price.

5. AOCB

None arising.

6. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 18th March 2024 at 7pm (the PTA will meet at 6.30pm) before the meeting was closed.

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