

Parent Council Minutes

Date: 9/10/23

Present: Fiona Johnston, Nikki Winning (Chairperson), David McArthur, Kirsty McShane, Michelle Hyslop, Gill Van Looy, Rebecca Murray, Emma Porter, Wendy Moultrie, Julie Cameron, Nuzhat Uthmani (Treasurer), Nicola Pennycook, Cheryl Cumming, James Thomson

Apologies: Michelle Stewart, Mary Turban. David Frame (Vice Chairperson) Kathryn Foye Salmond

Notes of discussion	Action points
1. Previous minutes	
Minutes: Proposed by N. Uthmani Seconded by W. Moultrie	
2. Parent Chair Report	
<p>Family quiz event on 26th January 7.30pm in Masonic hall in Barrhead. Doors open for 7pm.</p> <p>Over 18s- quiz, heads and tail and disco.</p> <p>£6 per ticket and maximum of 4 tickets per family.</p> <p>Maximum of 100 tickets on sale. Bring your own refreshments.</p>	<p>Potential for family evening in the future.</p> <p>F. Johnston to check if parents can buy raffle tickets via Parent Pay.</p>
3. Treasurer report	
<p>No change.</p> <p>£1,000 participatory budgeting and Active Schools £2,000 to be held in the account.</p>	
4. S6 Leadership Update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learners consulted regarding the £500 from Parent Council. The majority of learners requested either more trips or new PE equipment. <p>Trips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football trip was open to all Residential activity centre is planned for April as only date available. Consulted with Pastoral Representatives agreed the trip would be open to S2 and S3 learners. Iceland October 2024 confirmed Ski trip for March 2025 will go ahead as planned. Berlin trip TBC Day trips to be organised for June <p>Prom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location confirmed for the Torrance in East Kilbride. Request to Parent Council for funds for Leaver's Day. <p>Careers Fayre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminder to all that we are holding our Careers Fayre/Curriculum evening on 25th January. This is open to all families. Parent Council to promote. 	<p>FJ to speak to PE department and learners.</p>
5. Head Teacher update	
<p>Attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns regarding attendance rate below target. Parent Council to offer any advice. Learners not attending offered night school and/or Learn Well service. <p>Use of mobile phones in class</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff and learner survey to review impact on learning and teaching. Learners already requested to leave their phone if they are visiting the toilets during class time and have to collect a lanyard. <p>Curriculum design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faculties are continuing to review the S1 and S2 curriculum and work with partners to plan engaging and relevant project learning opportunities activities that develop skills for the future. An overview was shared. <p>Education Scotland report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update on report. 	<p>Continue to promote via bulletin.</p> <p>Parent Council to be update on survey results to agree any actions.</p> <p>Review rotations to ensure all learners have access to experiences.</p>

7. Consultation on tracking and reporting	
<p>K. McShane presented an overview of current tracking and reporting dates. Parent Council feel the reporting and tracking dates provide information they require. Timescales are appropriate e.g. understanding that S1 reports are later in the year to give a full report on young people, S3 full report follows on from assessments, S2 links with options, S4/S5/S6 follows on from prelims. The full report is read and discussed with learners.</p>	<p>Consider how the senior tracking reports could be clearer for parents and carers e.g. aspirational target grade vs working at grade.</p> <p>K. McShane to create survey to consult with parents via the bulletin.</p>
7. AOB	
<p>Discussion regarding limitations with Google Guardian vs SMH. K. McShane to ask for email to be reissued to parents to make sure they signed up for announcements as per email in August. Teachers exploring voice posting voice notes for learners via Google Classroom which can be checked by families by asking learner to logon.</p> <p>Medical forms for immunisations to be passed to office. Pastoral to return to office to reissue to learners if they were absent.</p>	