

Parent Council Minutes

Date: 20/10/25

Present: Nikki Winning (Chairperson), Fiona Johnston, Cheryl Cummings, David Frame (Vice Chairperson) Kathryn Foye, Colette Byars, , Lorraine More, Lorna Thomson, Dylan Ahrens (S6), Nicola Pennycook, Nuzhat Uthmani, Jennifer Harvey, K. McShane

Notes of discussion		Action points
1. Previous minutes		
Minutes: Proposed by D. Frame Seconded by C. Cummings		
2. Parent Chair Report		
No updates to share. Connect update sent to Parent Council.		Parent Council to provide feedback via survey.
3. Treasurer report		
£937.09 no change		
4. S6 Update		
Update on school events: • We are looking forward to the Ghost Tour on 29th October. Tickets are on sale for S1 and S2 learners. • Reminder to S1 parents that they are invited to the school on 3rd November at 10.45-11.15am to celebrate our cultural connections event. • The Wellbeing Day was a success. We raised over £1,000 for future wellbeing activities. S6 Wellbeing Ambassadors were thanked for organising the scavenger hunt, sponsored walk and teambuilding activities. • Young Enterprise Scotland group organised activities to raise funds. • Barrhead Housing have allocated £3k for participatory budgeting. Learners will vote to decide how the funds will be allocated. • S6 events team was formed. • Support for Learning Ambassadors have organised S6 learners to support in classes. We have shared a range of trips with parents via the October bulletin. We have also organised day trips to support with the cost of the school day. • English department has organised a S4 theatre trip to Kill a Mockingbird • Expressive Arts faculty have organised a trip to watch Hamilton and the Christmas panto.		

5. HT Update	
Learner Voice • We have welcomed a new Principal Teacher of Learner Empowerment- Mrs LaCombre. We will be working with Pastoral Representatives from each Pastoral class to capture learner voice. • Values Ambassadors to be recruited to promote equalities and organise events. • Learners will be allocated a budget to make decisions on school improvements and activities. Curriculum • S1 and S2 learners now have a Leadership period to focus on developing their meta-skills and knowledge on cross – curricular expectations including careers and pathways, creativity, digital, democratic values, entrepreneurship, health and wellbeing, sustainability, languages and communication, money and finance, social justice, rights and equalities, numeracy and political literacy. • Education Scotland continue to work on The Curriculum Improvement Cycle (CIC). No technical frameworks for subject areas are released. Attainment update • S4 are well-prepared for their prelims. Attendance at supported study and engagement in classes is positive. • S5 and S6 Tracking indicated that learners are making progress and early interventions including targeted support and the right curriculum choices have increased attainment.	
6. Support Inclusive Learning and Collaborative Working	
Mrs McShane provided an update on the Circle resources to create inclusive classrooms. Teachers considering their learning environment to maximise learning time e.g. routines, equipment, active listening, and scripts to secure attention. Update on The Promise https://thepromise.scot/ to support our care experienced young people. Staff have completed training modules.	
7. AOB	
Request for information to be shared with families for university applications. Pastoral team can provide an update at parents' evening.	