

Hyndland Parent Council AGM

10/06/21 6.30pm

Attendees: Thomas Wilson (Chair)
Colin Hamilton (Secretary)
Alison Guthrie (Treasurer)
Louise Edgerton (HT)
Gavin Tulloch (English Teacher)
Alastair Dalton
Steph Dundas
Stevie Gallagher
Marie Terese
Jean Sutherland
Louise Love
Steve McCabe
Kirsty Greaves
Naheed Crosbie
Rhona Ferguson

Finance

£1000 donation to school

Balance at 30/04 £1308.94

Chairman's Report

Teaching during a Pandemic has meant very rapid changes to all school plans and thanked Headteacher and staff for all their hard work through what must have been the most challenging academic year ever. Not easy to teach over a thousand pupils in normal times let alone most challenging circumstances country has ever faced. Thanks also go to office staff and janitorial staff who often get forgotten about but play vital role in school life. I would also like to personally thank Colin Hamilton for hosting meetings and keeping the parent council in touch through zoom. Thanks to Alison Guthrie for her efforts as treasurer and wish her well as she will no longer be a parent at the school next academic year. Thanks to Dorothy Hooper who also leaves the school as a parent but has played a vital role in the parent council over her time including as a stint as chair.

My sincere wish is that the parent council could do more but the burden rests on to few parents to keep things going. More needs to be done to encourage more parents to get involved including improving the parent council area of the school website.

Election of office bearers

Rhona Ferguson offered to take on the role of treasurer and was duly nominated and elected. Colin was re-elected to the role of secretary but mostly because no one else came forward to take on the role. I would be happy to relinquish the role of Chair but will keep going for at least the first meeting of next academic year.

Alastair Dalton offered to take on the role of communications and to update the website.

KG suggested rotating the chair's role but currently not enough parents prepared to take a turn.

Headteacher's Report

Deputies are having an evening off after all their hard work returning pupils to face to face learning and organising the exam diet.

The current P7s due to start in Aug are coming up to school in smaller groups for taster experiences that they opt into. It has worked well and seems to be less overwhelming than coming up to experience school day. Transition support with primaries is ongoing.

S1

Ongoing extra curricular support, reports are going out and for first time using self evaluation so that their report includes their own voice. No assemblies in Airlie theatre yet. Class assemblies have been held about values. There has been a high attendance.

S2

Have been focusing on their John Muir award and outdoor learning including a kayak experience. Options process has started.

S3

Stuart Ritchie has been running D of E taster days which have included ½ day orienteering in local area. Preparing their reports for moving into senior phase. Three 3rd year girls were involved in the Cop26 launch with Maureen McKenna.

Senior School

Series of master classes are being run before and during the assessment period. Changes have had to be made to the assessment timetable and communication of those has been difficult. Challenges of self isolation and making sure that all pupils get opportunity to submit evidence. Staff are checking and securing evidence for results. Data entry checks and moderation process has been robust and that is internally and externally with Clevedon and Notre Dame schools.

Gavin Tulloch

English Nat 5, Higher and Advanced Higher – Mark together so that all staff are on same page but not marking their own classes. Cross marking and then verifying marks. Select random and anonymous pieces of work will be shared with external schools for further moderation. The schools

were assigned at head teacher and directorate level. Guidance was published by GCC education department on how to ensure fair and due process. Therefore applies across all Glasgow Schools.

200 pupils sitting National 5 and 150 taking Higher English. They are coming to the end of the marking process. Plan to distribute provisional results next Thurs for S4 and Friday for S5. Depute and pastoral care will hand out results which will look like a report. Opportunity for further support if required. S6 will have their results posted to them but will get opportunity to speak to pastoral care. Principal teachers will speak to pupils about how results are derived.

New timetable will start following week (13th) for everyone. First time Hyndland has started new timetable before August. S4 & S5 will collect their timetable over 1 period on Monday and will start full day on Tuesday. S1-S3 will be in on Monday and be issued new timetable first period.

The school was inspected on 3rd June for their rights respecting award. Very rigorous process with pupils and staff involved. Outcome isn't known yet.

Mental Health

5th Years want more signposting

4th Year girls D of E inspiration award

Science Lab refurb is progressing and the 2 new labs will be ready by August.

Staffing

Probationers from Aug in English & Business. Higher Economics is new subject and Physics, music and Geography has additional timetabling.

Mrs Pollok retires this summer but hope that she returns 2 days a week to teach English. Interviews ongoing for new pastoral care teacher for Lomond.

Mrs Watt & Mrs Fallon retiring from support for learning.

Mr McGonigle was a pe probationer but is being kept on for next year. He will start taking after school football on Wed.

Fuel Zone

Charlene, in her 30s, very sadly passed away after hard battle with cancer and had worked in the school for 11 years. Condolences were sent from the school to her husband and 3 daughters. Thanks to Tom, Alison and Colin for their support in a very challenging year.

Chair said he had had emails from irate parents asking parent council to take up issues with staff/school but he felt that wasn't parent councils role specifically during meetings and he would rather share them with Headteacher privately. John Lewis had sent very long email about SQA that chair had shared with Headteacher.

KG asked about moneys paid to SQA – Headteacher didn't know if they were still getting budgeted money considering they hadn't provided usual service but teachers were getting a nominal fee for additional work. Headteacher also said it was difficult for the pupils who are hearing press and

society saying that the exam process is a shambles and yet feel they are still working very hard.
School paid for external invigilators and all said how polite and courteous the senior pupils were.

Next meeting ?/09/21 at ?pm.