

Hyndland Parent Council Meeting Wed 6.30pm 1st March 2022

Alistair Dalton (acting chair), Kirsty Greaves (acting secretary), Louise Edgerton (HT), Gavin Tulloch (English Teacher), Mia Steven (Sch Capt), Cat McGlinn (Librarian), Kate Russell, Bessie (S4 Eco Committee), Jodie Stewart (DHT), Ian Marland, Jane Marland, Steve McCabe, Bev Sumpter, Daria Jarrett, Gillian Grant, Eduardo, Rosalind, Steph Dundas,

Apologies: Jill Johnstone, Marie Crumlish, John Lewis, Alison Guthrie, Louise Edgerton

Chair: Welcomed everyone back to the first in person Parent Council meeting in 2 years and thanked everyone for coming especially to Cat & Gavin for giving up their time. Headteacher sadly can't attend as she had Covid but meeting will follow her plan and begin with short discussion on people's most memorable books as it's world book day this week. Everyone should have a raffle ticket. 2 sets of books donated by Hyndland Book shop as the prizes.

Gavin Tulloch: The Crow Road by Iain Banks, Bev Sumpter remembered reading The Lion The witch & the wardrobe.

Mia Steven, S6 pupil and doing Advanced Higher English. Her S5 folio piece was titled "How much do people read". Research suggests 10 minutes of less for own enjoyment per day, less than 14 minutes reading on toilet and less than 20% of adults in the USA are frequent readers.

100% of 16-24yr olds have smart phones and 60% of parents are worried about children's use of smartphones. 50% of primary school children are not being read to at home.

What can be done to change things? Read together, set goals, start a book club, take kids to the library. Avoid making reading a punishment. Try buying screenplays of popular programmes or films.

Cat McGlinn (school librarian)

Trying to improve the physical resources within the library including adding Young Adult fiction as well as adult fiction. Super readable Barrington Stoke, specialised to encourage kids with dyslexia. Graphic novels and Japanese manga books. S1 pupils have had their library induction and been given their library card + pin. Borrowing periods are Mon-Wed, there is a box for returns on Thurs & Fri when Cat isn't in. Can also access all of Glasgow Libraries resources, borrow box, and Freegal which is a music streaming service. Cat's services are provided through Glasgow Life and the number of days is dependent on the school roll. There is no access to the library at lunchtime on Thurs & Friday. Books can be donated.

AD asked if there was a possibility of getting parental volunteers to open the library when Cat not in.

Gavin Tulloch

How to support reading in school. Reading is backbone of English and pupils are expected to do a mix of class reading and independent reading. It helps to develop literacy, cultural awareness & critical thinking. Reading in class is not the same as reading for pleasure. English department want to celebrate reading. Every English classroom has its own library. Backed up with writers visits, book club. Currently reading The Mill on the Floss which is available on ebooks at no cost.

Most common question – how do I get my child to read?

Read on any device. Modelling is very important. The world today is very different to when we as parents started reading and there are a lot more distractions for young people today.

Winners of books, Ian Marland & Bev Sumpter. Book tokens were prizes in school also donated by Hyndland Book shop.

Bessie says she gets book recommendations from Tik Tok.

Bessie – S4 Eco Committee

Starting a food growing project open to school and community. S1-S3 pupils will be given a potato for planting. They want to start a volunteer day on Saturdays where parents and families come along and grow plants, vegetables. They want to start growing plants to sell and get the wider community involved. Daria offered her help as she runs the eco committee at her primary school. Obviously the school doesn't have lots of areas to grow stuff but they are using planters in playground and the gardens surrounding the Lauderdale building. Email Jodie Stewart if people can help.

Suggestions to help: contact Morrisons for donations. Put info in newsletter and year group teams. Open up to P6/P7 families as part of transition. Do litter picks and get more recycling bins. Supermarkets will now take food bags and crisp packets. Rymans recycle pens and markers.

Parent asked if the group was open to all year groups. Mostly S4s at the moment but some S1s have joined now.

Headteacher's Report

Primary transitions back as normal with a full program. Staff going into 4 feeder schools. Primary 7 colleagues from all 4 schools came to Hyndland for inservice day to ensure that all delivering the same content in Maths & English. Content assessment from Kirsty Brown (head of English) and Mr Henderson (head of Maths)

Gold award for Rights Respecting School. S1 & S2 pupils created child friendly policy. Scottish Parliament picked Hyndland to present to all Glasgow secondary schools about their path to Gold Award. Presented by pupils.

S1 & S2 have had reward trips to Inflat & Cinema. Children's Mental Health Week. S2 will have a choice of subjects on Friday afternoons. Led by staff expertise, yoga, football, creative art. They are hoping to timetable more well being for all year groups. S2 have done a litter pick & came 3rd in the Cyber Team event. S2 course options have to be finalised by 17th March and 16th March is parent's evening.

S3 – D of E expeditions have high numbers. Staff have a working group on how to track progress and continue that uptake. Every Friday 1st period is focused on well being. Pupils opt in to different choices like basketball, led by staff. S3 tracking due in 2 weeks.

Senior Assemblies to S4-S6 on SQA countdown.

S5 & S6 Targeted support for those who need it in S5, subject specific smaller groups. Extra period for weakest subject. SQA are marking slightly differently but not 10% more like 1 or 2%. Saturday supported study has been well attended (62 attended last week) but pupils must sign up not just turn up to ensure right number of staff and breakfast catered for. Blairvaddach weekend 11-13th targeted at those who need it with PEF funding for those who are currently sitting at no award in subjects.

Higher Media class attended GFT and feedback was very impressive. The group was v respectful. Sports Leaders classes have been attending Crossfit sessions in Glasgow.

Destinations – 1 of only 2 schools in Glasgow with highest no of positive destinations for school leavers. 99.34% go onto higher education or into work.

Glasgow Warriors are running fitness sessions for 5 weeks. U16 girls played All Saints at football and won and 2 girls were scouted for Glasgow City squad.

Masks are still required in corridors but not in class. No assembly restrictions but school are capping Airlie Theatre at groups of 6 as a precaution.

Staff attended the funeral of Jackie Jamieson, retired PT maths.

In service day was spent with EAL support and moderation discussions with partner schools. Jim Wilson attended and made a particular note of how the school was promoting voice of pupils. The young people presented to him on the development of the curriculum.

Airlie Theatre Update

Press release with fund raising dates to go out. Daisy's application to the Partick Area was successful and was rewarded with £1000 grant. Talent show on March 23rd and Spring music concert on 30th March.

Project manager has visited and will get quote for core cost and dream quote.

Water fountains still waiting on update for new ones. School will fund reuseable water bottles for every pupil next academic year.

50 families have signed up for easy fundraising since message went out.

Next meeting 27th March at 6.30pm. Ian Marland will chair next meeting with Steve McCabe chairing last meeting of year & AGM.

We are still operating a rotating chair and are looking for a new secretary.