

Hyndland Parent Council Meeting Tues 6.30pm Sept 14th 2021

Tom Wilson (chair), Colin Hamilton (secretary), Louise Edgerton (HT), Alastair Dalton (coms), Alison Guthrie (Treasurer), Gavin Tulloch (English Teacher), Naturelle Caseydjimi (Sch Capt) Gillian Grant, John Lewis, Naheed Crosbie, Henry & Oge Okafor, Stevie Gallagher, Rhona Ferguson, Angela Boyle, Eduardo Chavez, Ian Marland, Jane Scoular, Robin Plevin, Colin Towler, Mairi Armstrong, Rona Ferguson, A Bradley, Lesley Somerville, Ammar Sherzad, Alan Bonnyman, Jacqui McLarnon, Colin Towler, Arlene Steven, Susan Zante, Adam Shinewi, Louise Taylor, Yuanyuan Zhou, Preeti Saxena, Jill Murie, Hannah Mathers, Andriejus Demcenko, Angela Boyle, Antony McCluskey, Robin Morton, Renata Qoul, Sandeep Deerhe, Wendy Stewart, Steph Dundas, Jane Duckett, Daria Jarrett, Clare Kyle, Kirsty Greaves, Zico, Hebah, Hakan

Apologies: Jean Sutherland

Apologies if names are missing from attendees. Best supported pc meeting in some time and by zoom it's difficult to record all those in attendance. Colin had to leave so Alastair will oversee zoom.

Headteacher's Report

Sad start to term with the news of Aiden Pilkington's death. He graduated from Hyndland in August. School are supporting those current students who were close to Aiden. Read out a tribute to Aiden written by Ashraf.

S1 – having pastoral care appointments for settling in. Meet the Hyndland Family event being held shortly outside where S1 and a parent/carer are being encouraged to book an appointment to come and meet their pastoral care teachers and management team. Being done by house. Skills Development Scotland are going into classes as well.

S2 – Focus on relationships through PSE. 2L1 recently held their persuasive presentations and HT attended.

S3 – Settled into course choices. Core classes are about total choice; water safety, fitness, holiday Spanish, Scots language, Couch to 5k, cooking skills. Looking into introducing this for S2 to.

S4 – Evidence for assessments already started. Success in senior phase zoom event planned. Conscious that they don't want to overload S4 but assessment calendar is out, starts late Oct, early Nov. Virtual info evening on 22/09 will provide more support for parents to support pupils.

S5/6 – Scheduled tracking reports due before ½ term. School Captains process has finished and all are in post. Naturelle is at the meeting tonight to talk to pc

Naturelle School Captain

Selection process – S1-S5 interview panel. Each Captain represents an area of the Hyndland Head. They are creating action plans currently. Hoping to bring the school and community together & give back to the local community. Fundraising is planned including a Christmas fair.

Headteacher continues Laura Stewart in a new counsellor in school, holding 1 to 1 interviews. Money came from PEF funding. Jenny and Angela, Fare workers, still in school. They will be at the meet the Hyndland Family event.

Acting Principle Teachers for recovery is Tony Greer & Geraldine Miller.

Gold award for Unicef's Rights Respecting School has been awarded and is fully embedded now. Valid for 3 yrs.

Performance headlines

S4: 5+ Nat 5 66%

S5: 75% 1 higher

68% 2 highers

62% 3 highers

53% 4 highers

40% 5 highers

S6: 86% 1 higher

68% 3 highers

61% left with 5 highers

41% 1 A/H

Lots learned about assessment process.

Staffing

PT Wendy Black new Lomond Pastoral Care, 3 probationers, extra support in Social Studies and 1 other subject. Covid still causing staffing issues when staff are having to isolate waiting for text results.

Family Learning – Gavin Tulloch

Meet the Hyndland Family Event 15-16th Sept – Welcome event for S1 families after school. 3.20-5.10pm 2 sessions, split by houses. Meet key members of staff and school captains. Live music, practical cookery. Questionnaire for parents on how they would like to engage with family learning. Being held outside, back of Airlie building. Booking system to limit numbers.

Plan to continue with family challenges. There has been some uptake but looking for more to get involved. Prizes on offer. Focus on literacy and numeracy. Social events for vulnerable families. John Gillies still offering digital support 2 afternoons a week.

National Poetry Day, looking for offers of people to film themselves reading poetry aloud. Working on a communication charter, which is a flow chart showing who to contact if you have concerns.

Louise – Lovely to have all the pupils back at school, lovely buzz about the place. Clubs back up and running and big uptake. Thanks to Tom, Colin, Alastair & Alison for their support.

Tom Wilson – thanks to Louise and to Ashraf for his tribute to Aiden.

Q: Alastair Dalton – water fountains are still out of use.

A: LE – waiting on response from Jim Wilson (head of service) on update regarding fountains.

Q: Robin – Covid exclusion criteria

A: Positive lateral flow test requires a PCR test and then isolation until that result is known, if positive then 10 days of self isolation. If family member has positive test result then PCR also required. Can't return to school until after a negative test or 10 days isolation.

Big uptake from seniors with lateral flow tests.

Q: Ian Marland – When will school trips resume

A: No foreign trips currently planned but Mandy Maguire has asked to organise an English trip to London so planning has started.

Q: Hannah Mathers – Will school encourage the vaccine uptake in 12-15yr olds.

A: There are mixed views amongst society on this topic and school will be no different. School will give information only and ultimately it will be up to young people and their families to decide.

Q: Amy Bryson – Could there be a way for parents to leave question/message for a particular teacher

A: Gavin Tulloch – not sure that's a good idea. Pupils already have teachers glow email address and teachers could be overwhelmed with issues. Pastoral care is a better route to do down especially if there is an issue between a pupil and teacher.

Q: Ammar Sherzad – could the newsletter be sent out by post?

A: LE – School went away from printed copy of Hyndland news because it went in school bags and never saw the light of day and it is expensive to print. Sway is more accessible but if there is a specific issue call office and they can have a copy printed for someone.

Point of Family Learning Group

Made up of pupils, staff & Jodie Stewart (DHT). Help parents get more involved in school and feel comfortable coming into school. Allows parents a better understanding of what school is trying to do and to communicate how to support pupils study.

D of E normally runs in school but has been interrupted. Bronze and silver planned this term.

Comms – Alastair Dalton

Taking over the pc Twitter account and trying to encourage more parents to get involved with oc. Best attended pc meeting for years so the messages that went out before this meeting obviously worked.

Treasurer Report

Alison meeting Rona this week to hand over treasurer role.

Balance of account 01/09 £1826.94

Money has been used to support school including bike shelter and bins. Parents and school can

make suggestions for where money is spent. Q: Alastair Dalton – could some pc money be used to help fund face coverings cost. A: LE – Compliance with face coverings was high in May/June and has fallen away a bit so message that went out was simply to try and remind pupils and raise awareness again.

Q: Ian Marland – where does pc money come from?

A: Alison Guthrie - Income is mainly GGC annual amount and some easy fundraising donations.

Marie Armstrong – my daughter is new to S2 and she has been very impressed so far with school set up, very nurturing and well done to all staff.

Election of new office bearers

Chair and Secretary want to step down. The former is not an onerous job but you do need to commit to all meetings which Tom can't do now he has taken on another role personally.

No permanent volunteers came forward. KG will chair next meeting on Nov 10th and AG will do Jan meeting. No one volunteered to take on role of secretary.