

Hyndland Secondary School Parent Council

Meeting Tuesday 6 June 2023

in School Library, 6.30-8pm

Present

Alison Guthrie (AG, chair)

Steve McCabe (vice-chair)

Alastair Dalton-Hopwood (ADH, joint secretary)

Louise Edgerton (LE, headteacher)

Vicki Letford (VL, depute headteacher)

Parents/carers: Alex McTier (AT), Jane Marland (JM), Ian Marland, Rose Eaton, Dana Jarrett, Bev Sumpter, Gillian Grant.

Apologies: Kirsty Greaves (joint secretary)

No Microsoft Teams link was available for remote participation in the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting had been previously circulated by email (April meeting was cancelled because of LE being unavailable at short notice).

Matters Arising from last meeting

Design Technology: LE said all assignments had been restored for 2023-24 session.

Sporting equipment and kit: LE said new stock was awaited. Washing machine in school regularly used to clean shared kit.

Airlie Theatre: LE said it needed a new sound system urgently. LE has asked for a quote, due by the end of term.

Fundraising event: LE said Hyndland Bowling Club was happy to host a quiz night with the Parent Council. FARE youth worker Jenny Wainwright has offered to lead it/provide the questions.

Head Teacher's Report - highlights

Invigilators again said they were **impressed with conduct** during recent exams, with excellent attendance.

The school's **Rights Respecting team** is leading a Scottish conference.

Half of S3 has been involved with **Duke of Edinburgh Award** scheme expeditions.

Next session **school roll** projected to be 1,051 with 72.2 staff (= school fully staffed) - similar to previous years.

Retirals: Office manager Suzanne Walker (likely to be replaced) and home school support worker Tricia Glass (unlikely to be replaced = "a huge loss").

Proportion of young people who qualify for **free school meals** has increased from 13% in 2008 to 21% [and compares to 42% across Glasgow], but some of those entitled to it are not applying, which would help school with funding. Hillhead Parent Council has highlighted this to parents so it would be useful for the Parent Council to do the same for the S1 intake. ADH to get further details from LE.

Biology exam incident: JM said an invigilator had announced incorrect information about an exam question. LE said the school would submit a report to SQA and had reviewed the process.

School Improvement Plan - presentation by LE and VL.

Interactive session in which those present provided responses such as “**What are you most proud of in our school**”. Responses included: Community, inclusive, opportunities.

Plan includes:

- **Wider range of courses and qualifications** in various subjects to better suit different abilities.
- Parent Council members/other parents **sitting in on classes**, as in 2020.
- Parents could be invited to **discuss school data**. AT expressed interest in taking part.
- **Parental questionnaire**, possibly via the Parent Council.

Statistics presented included:

26% of the school are in the **most deprived category** (SIMD decile 1&2) compared to 56% across Glasgow secondaries.

93% **attendance** - a “slight deterioration” - compared to 88% across Glasgow secondaries. LE to urge families not to not take young people out of school early such as for holidays.

Exclusion incidents: 3.8 per 1,000 pupils - “a deterioration” - compared to 15.2 across Glasgow secondaries.

16 per cent of school have **English as an additional language** (Glasgow 24%)

23% of school is **black/minority ethnic** (Glasgow 24%). ADH said the Parent Council membership should reflect that to be more representative.

Other Business

S1 parents information evening on Tues 15 Aug - Parent Council flyer to be circulated and a Parent Council rep to address meeting to publicise our work and encourage participation.

AGM

It was agreed to **postpone until the next meeting** because of lack of remaining time.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 5 September 2023, 6.30-8pm in School Library.