

PC Meeting Minutes 18/01

Attendees: Alison Guthrie, Kirsty Greaves, Steve McCabe, Ian Marland, Jane Marland, Bev Sumpter, Daria Jarrett, Alex McTeer, Mary Stewart, Louise Edgerton HT

Apologies: Laura Forrester, Alastair Dalton, Graham McFarland, Christoph Wagner, Rona Ferguson, Gavin Tulloch, Gillian Grant

AG – Welcome to 1st Meeting of 2024, introductions

Approval of minutes, KG Proposed, Alex seconded.

Headteacher Report

Busy end to last term with lots going on including:

Nov – Monthly assemblies, subjects decided by Captains, this month focused on respect & Armistice.

Scottish Ensemble – open to those interested in S1-S3 in Hyndland Sanctuary. Coming back to host health and wellbeing session in March, 2 free sessions. Aim is to increase exposure to theatre & music.

Targeted Parents Night in Nov: 76 S4, 60 S5 & 20 S6 parents attended– intervention to offer extra support before full parents night in January.

Liverpool Stadium trip to see Liverpool v Man City – told to take their Partick Thistle banners down!

Cyber Security Workshops

2 teams in City Zen Challenge created videos – 1 was filmed in Kelvingrove Park about women walking at night.

Xmas Fundraising in the Music Dept

Cancer Support Scotland at Beatson – whole event raised £10k

Olive Tree at Hyndland Sanctuary - £800

NW Foodbank - £150

Woodwind & strings did Quarriers at Princes Square

In Dec there was the now annual S1 & S2 Panto Trip with over a 100 from each year going.

Xmas Fair well attended community event organised by Jenny Wainwright and will hopefully be repeated.

Ski Trip to Bellahouston in preparation of Ski Trip abroad for S2/S3, not been since 2021.

Trips – Been difficult for seniors, less time to be out of school because of exams and seniors particularly affected cos there weren't trips during and after Covid. Lots of schools have stopped all

foreign trips due to cost. Hyndland try to offer trips as it gives choice but are aware that not everyone can afford them and try to offer options for those who don't go on the trips.

Escape Room on last day of term, run by a probationer teacher.

End of Jan Assembly will be on right to an education

S1 class went to Grosvenor to see Wonka as they are studying Charlie & the Chocolate Factory

S2 – Science Centre came out to whole year group

Channel 4 – careers in media for S2

S3 – manifesto presented at GCC conference, worked with Vox Luminos. What's important for fairer future for students. Libby Brooks of the Guardian is interested in writing an article.

S3 Observations first week in Feb, Jodie Stewart organising so will get in touch with parents.

Work experience for 10 weeks for Achieve group in 3rd year through Fare.

D of E awards night has restarted, 100 kids though bronze.

Hyndland hosted a collaborative learning improvement in Dec, authority come out to look at an aspect that you are working on. Feedback was that sometimes lessons are too passive. HT of Smythcroft, Castlemilk & Lourdes and some of directorate. Focus group of juniors, seniors and staff.

Poetry Collaboration with Partickhill Bowling Club – 20 poems selected & published in partnership. Going to do another one with young people who are not from Britain.

Douglas Hutchison – visited having never been to the school. Was shown round by Louise. Blair was presenting Armistice assembly at the time and he was very impressed.

Councillor Cannon came for a visit also and Councillor Stewart has requested a visit.

Captains organised a blood donation talk for seniors

Senior Exams – first time prelims have been split and 4th year finished before Xmas and 5th & 6th year are running now. Helps staff to manage the marking.

Climate Action group started with Mr Currie, Physics teacher focus on recycled clothing.

14th Feb In Service, with Notre Dame BGE moderation, digital training in afternoon, Teams use digital jotters. Latter being used a lot in some subjects and not others.

S2 Trip to Barclays, org by computing.

Prom Pop Up shop. Art Dept are looking for donations for Prom clothing to support young people who might struggle to buy it.

PEF funding - £82075 (funding from govt to close attainment gap)

PT Digital Leader – 0.6

Developing Young Workforce Coordinator – Ms Cusack, supports young people where their career path needs extra support. School pays, Chamber of Commerce pay some and GCC pay some. Ms Cusack was a PSA at Hyndland. This is a full time role at Hyndland

£10k to Supported study, Sat mornings and Blairvaddoch

S1 Transition support – Lockerbie residential

D of E – to ensure finance is not a barrier to participation

Fare youth worker

Mental Health Ambassador Training for senior pupils

Campus Cop – School pays $\frac{1}{4}$ of salary shared with Hillhead, quite common to have 1 per school, police Scotland pay the other $\frac{1}{2}$

Benches – replaced lockers on ground floor and have turned the benches to face each other to encourage kids to sit and eat their lunch and talk to each other

Budget should be similar for next academic year. 12% free meal, rose to 17% then 27%. Pef funding is based on historical figures rather than current numbers. Funding uses data from 2017, challenged by HT as figures have dramatically changed. Not permanent funding but the money is now critical to the operation/budget of the school. Jenny Wainwright is integral to school staffing.

AG – more work needs to be done to encourage families to make use of help that is available through PEF. Some families will just dismiss trips, d of e etc out of hand due to cost but there is help there if they ask.

Daria Jarrett – why did the lockers get removed? Weren't used, 30 taken. They were dumping grounds for food and were left in a real state. They took up too much space.

AG – thanked those who organised Quiz. All prizes allocated. Approx £1800 raised. 2 bills to be paid for Hive platform. KG to pay and then claim money back. KG took bank statements to give to Rona. First fund raising effort for 5 years. Sound system has been ordered. Money to be handed over to school at next pc meeting. Majority of money was raised by raffle rather than quiz tickets. For future fund raising projects can't rely on same business' for support.

Finally have 4 signatures on the bank account sorted (AG, KG, R & AM). We committed to pay £500 at AGM in 2022 plus £500 that we committed to pay in August for awards ceremony. Online access is still to be arranged for the 4 signatories and one person is designated to make payments. KG to arrange cheque for school with Rona and drop it in and will try and organise payments for expenses for AG, IM & KG.

Current bank statement shows £5150.53 end of Nov was £3170.

Agreed that we need to push Easyfundraising app as it is an easy way to keep funds trickling into account.

Matters Arising

Kingsborough Sanctuary Sale – gone through. No one knows who has bought it but has been intimated that will be available for community use.

Hummingbirds Kit – bought using sporting grant. New kit has also been bought for rugby.

S2 Parents Night – 14th March volunteers to represent PC 4-6.30pm, AG can do 4pm but we need a volunteer for 5pm.

AOB

DJ asked about Language Provision – staff absence. 3 modern language teachers, 1 of long term sick, supply teacher came in and now she is also off sick. S3 have had PE teacher covering. No supply teachers available for modern languages. Have had to prioritise S4-S6 due to exams. Art teacher who is Spanish speaking and Art supply is available so he could provide some cover. Curriculum of Excellence says there has to be exposure to languages until end of S3 so course had to be created for those who didn't pick a language. Current situation is going to put S1 & S2 off taking languages further. Mr Kearney has plans for modern languages including introducing Italian but has all had to be put on hold. School used to have 4 modern language teachers. Can duo lingo be used or shown French/Spanish film? Once senior school goes on study leave timetable will be rearranged for some staff.

KG offered to send an email to councillors and Education Dept highlighting the PC concerns about language provision.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 19th March