

Hyndland Secondary School Parent Council

Meeting Wednesday 25 October 2023

in School Library and via Google Meet, 6.30-8pm

Present

Alison Guthrie (AG, chair)

Kirsty Greaves (KG, joint secretary)

Alastair Dalton-Hopwood (ADH, joint secretary)

Rhona Ferguson (treasurer),

Louise Edgerton (LE, headteacher)

Gavin Tulloch (GE, acting principal English teacher and Parent Council liaison)

Blair (school captain for Active)

Parents/carers: Graham McFarlane (GM), Jane Marland (JM), Ian Marland (IM), Bev Sumpter (BS), Alex McTier (AT), Kate Russell (KR), Daria Jarrett (DJ).

Apologies: Steve McCabe (vice-chair), Christoph Wagner.

Last meeting's minutes (5 September) proposed by AG and seconded by KG.

School captain presentation

Blair gave a summary of the captains' activities, including assemblies on Judaism, British Sign Language (BSL), Diwali, Armistice Day, human rights and Christian Advent, a raffle and possible rock concert for Children in Need on November 17, and a S6 ceilidh for Burns Night. They have established new clubs for debating and BSL, and a Halloween badminton competition. Pupils to be surveyed over whether they feel represented, with flags of their nationality to be displayed on an entrance way board.

School Improvement Plan

GE outlined this year's focus, which includes "improving the quality of the learning experiences", reviewing and improving the curriculum with increased pathways by being less rigid, and consolidation of approaches to "well being entitlements" and "inclusion and equality", such as developing the tracking system. PC members added comments to circulated sheets.

Head Teacher's Report

LE summarised recent and forthcoming activities involving each year group. The Kingsborough Sanctuary (former Hyndland Parish Church) which is used for school concerts and awards ceremonies, is up for sale.

Should it no longer be available, alternative venues to be considered include Broomhill Primary School's hall as the Airlie Theatre only seats 180 people and its stage is too small for a full orchestra.

DJ asked about insufficient kit for the Hummingbirds netball team for matches against other schools and whether the PC could help fund more if necessary. LE to check situation.

#### Bank account

AG has contacted RBS to add new signatories to the PC account, which can then be moved online. Rhona Ferguson, Kirsty Greaves and Alex McTier agreed to be signatories, in addition to AG, the current signatory. Current balance is £3,170.

#### Quiz night

Raffle prizes being solicited from local businesses and raffle tickets to be sold in school including at S3 parents evening on 26 October. An online platform for entry tickets being set up. IM said Charity Hive charged 3 per cent for each transaction, with its payment system Stripe charging an additional 1.2 per cent plus 20p per transaction, so a £5 transaction would incur total fees of 46p, or 9.2 per cent. The Hyndland Bowling Club venue's capacity is 90, with teams of up to six, incl staff, school captains and PC. Under 18s permitted until 10pm.

#### Matters arising

Leaflets to encourage parents/carers to get involved in the PC especially to increase its diversity, designed by IM, to be circulated at the S3 parents evening on 26 October, incl by AT and BS, and at the S1 parents evening on 9 November, incl by AG and KG.

LE to include similar information in the next school newsletter. AG to provide text.

Parents observing S4 classes: LE said date likely to be in Nov or Dec.

Treasurer: RF agreed to continue in the post after being nominated by AG and seconded by KG at the last meeting, when she was absent.

#### Other Business

KG said an S3 parent had asked about the lack of school trips since their child had joined the school. LE to discuss with colleagues.

KG said Gillian Grant has offered to help with any funding applications for Airlie Theatre sound system.

GM said Jenny from FARE was planning a Christmas Fair in the school. It was agreed any surplus Quiz Night raffle prizes could be passed on.

#### Next Meeting

Thursday 18 January 2024, 6.30-8pm in School Library and via Google Meet.