

## Hyndland Secondary School Parent Council

Meeting Thursday 6 June 2024

in School Library, 6.30-8pm

Present: Alison Guthrie (AG, chair), Steve McCabe (SM, vice-chair), Kirsty Greaves (KG, joint secretary), Alastair Dalton-Hopwood (ADH, joint secretary)

Louise Edgerton (LE, headteacher), Gavin Tulloch (GT, acting principal English teacher and Parent Council liaison)

Parents/carers: Graham McFarlane (GM), Bev Sumpter (BS), Alex McTier (AM), Gillian Grant (GG), David Nicolls (DN), Tracy Lee Strassburg (TS), Daria Jarrett (DJ).

Apologies: Rhona Ferguson (treasurer), Christoph Wagner

Minutes of last meeting on 24 April: approval proposed by GM and seconded by GG

### Matters arising

MCR Pathways coordinator post threat: ADH said the Parent Council had sent a letter to the city council's education director expressing concern. He replied that a decision would be taken soon. LE said the school's coordinator had left but someone else was handling admin and keeping in touch with mentees, but no new mentor-mentee matches had been established.

Kingsborough Sanctuary sale: ADH said the church office said contracts had not been exchanged so it could not provide details of new owner [Details were subsequently provided and forwarded to LE by ADH]. LE said the venue would next be needed for the senior awards ceremony in September and she plans to provisionally book an alternative venue. GM to forward contact details for other churches to LE.

Funding applications: GG asked for a wish list from LE which could be matched to potential funding sources as they became available. GG has submitted various applications such as for sports kits. She suggested funding applications could include for Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition kit and banners, kit and equipment for sports and dance teams.

### Head Teacher's Report

Included discussion of how the school's c£90,000 Pupil Equity Funding (to close the poverty-related attainment gap) for 2024-25 should be allocated. Current allocation includes £36,000 for a FARE worker (voluntary organisation working with disadvantaged communities) and £10,000 for the Campus Cop (dedicated police officer who provides advice and info) for 2-3 days a week.

LE would like to have a second FARE worker which the school previously had, as the existing worker is "run off her feet" and benefits the whole school. It would cost £36,000, and could potentially be shared with primary schools. Other options include £10,000 to send a targeted group of S4s for personal development one day a week to the Rangers Foundation.

## AGM

AG stood down after two years as chair and thanked LE and staff for their involvement and presentations at meetings, and parents for volunteering such as for the Quiz Night fundraiser.

Treasurer's report: Accounts were circulated showing balance at 4 April of £654.96. Total proceeds from Quiz Night were £1881.50 and from easyfundraising £302.47.

It was agreed to arrange gifts for Ian and Jane Marland for leading the Quiz Night organisation. KG suggested another Quiz Night in 2024-25 to boost funds.

Election of office bearers:

Chair: Alex McTier was nominated by AG and seconded by KG

Vice-chair: Graham McFarlane was nominated by BS and seconded by AG

Secretary: Kirsty Greaves and Alastair Dalton-Hopwood (joint) were nominated by AG and seconded by GM

Treasurer: Rhona Ferguson was nominated by KG and seconded by ADH

Others present agreed to be members of the Parent Council.

2024-25 Meetings: It was agreed to hold at least one meeting online to widen access because hybrid meetings posed audibility problems for those joining online. AM offered to set this up via Microsoft Teams. First meeting of year to be in person. GM to attend school Cultural Fayre on 20 June to promote Parent Council. GG suggested a mini Parent Council meet-and-greet/introduction meeting as part of S1 Information Evening, with pizza/food for the kids.

## Other business

Road safety, raised by GM: Parent Council to write to city council and councillors about improving signage and other potential measures in Clarence Drive after a pupil broke his shoulder and suffered a head injury when hit by a car.