

Hyndland Secondary School Parent Council

Meeting Wednesday 7 May 2025, school classroom, 6.30pm

Present: Alex McTier (chair, AM), Graham McFarlane (GM, vice chair), Kirsty Greaves (KG, joint secretary), Alastair Dalton-Hopwood (ADH, joint secretary, Rhona Ferguson (RF, treasurer).

Parents/carers: Bev Sumpter (BS), Alison Guthrie (AG).

School staff: Louise Edgerton (LE, headteacher), Laura Forrester (LF, depute headteacher), Constable Chris Bell (campus police officer)

Police presentation on online safety from Constable Chris Bell

Young people treating each other on social media “not very well”, despite some being “lovely in person”

School takes “robust action” on all issues

Parents/carers urged to “be involved”: Everything can be fixed but tell us early.

Minutes of last meeting proposed by AM and seconded by AG

Head Teacher’s Report (extracts)

Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) for 2025-26: Main spend is Jenny from FARE, Constable Bell, Duke of Edinburgh Award, digital literacy, Rangers Foundation Partnership - 12 S4s took part this year who made improvements in school across the board. PEF based on free school meal uptake, which is 21% of school but school’s SIMD (Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation) figure is 26-27% so not all those eligible may be claiming it. LF said the uptake might increase because UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admission Service) has, for the first time, dropped the application fee for those taking free school meals

Building developments: New use being considered for second janitor’s house at bottom end of campus. Plans to halve staffroom to create another classroom.

“Learning walks”, where parents observe S1 lessons, to be held in last week of May

AM and ADH took part in first school Litter Pick on 26 April, which will be repeated on 31 May and at the end of June. ADH said the litter collected was not recycled as planned. LE to arrange recycling bins for next one.

Proposed road closure of Lauderdale Gardens in front of school for School Fayre on 7 June scrapped because of cost, despite the city council agreeing it could be a pilot for permanent closure.

The school is the only one in Scotland to be shortlisted for the TES (formerly Times Educational Supplement) School of the Year award with seven from England and Wales.

LE has been shortlisted as the only one in Scotland for the TES state school Headteacher of the Year award with seven others. Winners to be announced on 20 June.

The school hosted an event last week for 30-40 headteachers and deputes from across Scotland to hear about it becoming the first in Scotland to receive an “excellent” rating for nine years.

Clarence Drive road safety

GM said the Parent Council letter had been sent to the four ward city councillors, the local MSP and MP, and he would contact all of them to arrange meetings. He said Neil from Glasgow Eco Trust was keen to engage with the school, including over road markings, closing Lauderdale Gardens and young people travelling to/from school. It was agreed to invite him to the September meeting.

Fuel Zone

LE confirmed there were no staff available to re-open the playground food hut but potential alternative uses or removal will be assessed.

An S3 pupil is working on a proposed card enabling young people to get priority access to the Fuel Zone at lunchtimes so they can get to clubs, which may involve a pilot.

Recycling

ADH said he was still attempting to confirm that school facilities firm Amey was not sorting waste and nothing was being recycled.

Additional Support Needs Parent Support Group

AM said it met again on 27 March, attended by 5-6 people, with another to follow. It's looking at initiatives with wider benefits within the school.

Dance studio floor cleaning

LE said this was cleaned every morning. She will ask for a deep clean, monitoring will continue and a ban on outdoor shoes will be considered.

Cheerleaders' kit request

LE said money was available and will speak to the teacher involved.

Request for cameras for art department

LE said the school would provide funding. ADH to check again what response Gillian Grant has had to appeal on social media for SLRs.

Other business

PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) checks: KG said the city council said changes to the scheme had implications for parent councils. AM to check.

Office bearers: KG said she planned to step down as joint secretary.

Next meeting: Thursday 5 June, 6.30pm in the School Library.