

Hyndland Secondary School Parent Council

Meeting Tuesday 18 March 2025, School Library, 6.30pm

Present: Alex McTier (chair, AM), Alastair Dalton-Hopwood (joint secretary, (ADH).

Parents/carers: Steve McCabe, Bev Sumpter (BS), Lee-Anna MacIver, John Caughie, Carolyn Bonnyman (CB), Christoph Wagner, Alison Guthrie, Rose Eaton, Gillian Welsh (GW), Laura Morrison, Andrea MacDuffie (AMac), Catherine Lyst, Clare Keatley, Gillian Grant (GG).

School staff: Louise Edgerton (LE, headteacher), Wendy Black (WB, Lomond House pastoral care teacher), Gavin Tulloch (GT, English teacher and Parent Council liaison).

Apologies: Graham McFarlane (GM, vice chair), Kirsty Greaves (joint secretary)

Minutes of last meeting proposed by AM and seconded by AMac.

Head Teacher's Report (extracts)

LE said the school has been inundated with visit requests following the very positive Education Scotland inspection so will be holding an event in April. Education Secretary Jenny Gilruth has visited and was particularly interested in the maths and science departments.

GT said a total of about 30 people from 14 families had taken part in three poetry workshops - all mothers and mostly boys. Likely to be repeated next year

LE said a basketball refereeing course was being considered for next year

New rationale for school trips: Following concerns about fairness over which young people were selected, trips will be better publicised to families, with a "reasonable" amount of notice provided for signing up, and names recorded on a spreadsheet of all trips to check whether individuals were also going on other trips. The proportion of young people from deprived areas going on trips should be similar to the proportion in the school. Some of this year's trips, such as Blackpool, will also involve selection based on points from young people's reports to reward their work. CB asked about trips for young people who did not want to travel long distances, such as Blackpool. LE said this was being considered.

Clarence Drive road safety

LE to circulate reminder to families and check whether location of staff and campus cop when young people are on the street needs changing. She hopes to eventually close the stretch of Lauderdale Gardens outside the school to traffic [idea for trial below under Glasgow 850]. GG suggested seeking advice from Neil Lovelock of Glasgow Eco Trust, including how best to secure road sign/markings improvements. AM to discuss further action with GM who had raised issue originally and has drafted letter to be sent to city councillors. AM to check list of recipients.

Fuel Zone

WB met Cordia manager Roseanne with a group of S3s to discuss new menu ideas. New items will be added such as vegetable daal and another type of curry. The S3s provided ideas for different snacks such as cereal bars. They requested menu ingredients to be listed. Salad bar has a lot of wastage. Follow up meeting in summer term.

Playground hut that sold food during breaks is no longer open due to lack of staff but WB said this would be discussed with Jenny from FARE.

An S3 has proposed a card enabling young people to get priority access to the Fuel Zone at lunchtimes so they can get to clubs, which is to be piloted for S1-3 from April.

New outdoor space

LE said an application had been made to lift part of playground tarmac between the Lauderdale and Airdlie buildings. RSPB is advising on best use of space, including sourcing bird/bat boxes. Project involves botany club, art is nurture club and eco club, which will solicit young people's views and seek involvement of a Parent Council member.

Outdoor unit for PE has arrived in playground, to be kitted out by August, including with ski trainer, pull up bar and kettle bells. GG offered to make grant application to area partnership. Fundraiser by young people to be considered.

Request for cameras for art department

LE said the current SLR cameras needed replacing. GG will post appeal via social media such as Jordanhill Watch on Facebook, including for expertise over assessing existing ones for reconditioning.

Summer cultural fair as part of Glasgow 850 celebrations

LE said this was planned for a Saturday morning in June on Lauderdale Gardens, which would be closed for the event with a view to making it permanent. Event could raise money for a school charity. Could include school memorabilia/old photos, food and book stalls, music. ADH suggested creating a

digital archive, which GW said would be a good school project. GG suggested charging for access to archive to fundraise.

Litter pick

LE said school met with city council neighbourhood volunteering department and proposed litter picks involving families on the last Saturday of the month [first one was held on 26 April].

She said Amey did not recycle any waste from the school despite blue bins in playground.

Additional Support Needs Parent Support Group

AM said its second meeting was held in staff room earlier in March with eight parents: “One of the best meetings I’ve been a part of in all my working and volunteering life.” Next meeting 27 March.

Other business

BS requested funding for cheerleaders kit. LE said money available and asked for details.

BS asked about cleaning of dance studio floor because socks were becoming very dirty. LE to raise with facilities manager Amey but said it could be young people walking in socks in heavily-used corridor outside.

BS said soap was running out in toilets. LE said young people should report it to senior staff as it was part of day cleaner’s job. LE has requested refurbishment of toilets, with boys’ toilets the priority. GG suggested supportive note from Parent Council to LE. BS to send information about state of toilets to forward to LE.

Next meeting: Wednesday 7 May, 6.30pm in the School Library.