Approved 5th June 2019

MINUTES

HYNDLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL (HSS)

PARENT COUNCIL (PC) MEETING 26 March 2019

Present

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| ***Parents*** | ***Staff*** |
| Dorothy Hooper (DH) (Chair) | Louise Edgerton (LE) (Head Teacher) |
| Alastair Dalton-Hopwood (AD) | Jodie Stewart (JSt) (Depute Head Teacher) |
| Jean Sutherland (JSu) |  |
| Thomas Wilson (TW) | ***Apologies*** |
| Stephanie Dundas (SD) | Colin Hamilton (Secretary) |
| Matthew Hastings (MH) | Alison Guthrie (Treasurer) |
| Fardos Mohsin (FM) | Rachel McNeill |
| Naheed Crosbie (NC) | Jill Johnston |

Matters discussed

# Welcome and Introductions

Dorothy welcomed all to the meeting.

# Approval of minutes of previous meeting

Approval of the latest draft minutes was performed by a show of hands of those who had attended that meeting.

# Matters Arising and Previous Actions

Actions from last meeting

1. LE to arrange S6 team to run parental survey. **Done** - S6 pupils present at S4 Parents Night but it was decided not to survey S4 parents
2. DH to bring flyers from Connect (the Scottish Parent Teacher Council). **Done**  - for use at a future event
3. CH to send out another appeal for parental volunteers. **Done** – although no PC parents were available to help at S4 parent night.
4. LE to invite LGBT Charter representatives to AGM in June - **Done**
5. JSu to arrange invitation of MCR Pathways to AGM. – **Done by LE**

# Head Teacher (HT) Report

LE delivered the HT report (see Appendix 1).

# School Improvement Plan

LE and JSt presented an overview of the school Improvement Plan and how it is being agreed and implemented.

Action: LE to upload information from Improvement Plan presentation onto the Parents section of the school website.

# Planning for AGM and Next Year’s Meetings

The following was agreed –

1. Dates for next year’s meetings will be agreed at the AGM – when the school calendar has been set.
2. Next year we will continue to hold meetings on different days of the week – this approach worked well this year.
3. Next year our meeting times will be brought forward so that meetings will run 6.30pm to 8pm

There was discussion over the format and focus of the Parent Council.

**Action – DH to add an item on the format and constitution of our Parent Council to the AGM agenda**

# AOB

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| 1 | Information – DH reported that there is currently a consultation in progress on whether Notre Dame should become co-educational.  Further information provided after the meeting by DH -  <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=24046> |
| 2 | Information – Parking meters to be rolled out to Hyndland soon. This could cause problems for staff. |
| 3 | TW noted that the website appears to be out of date. |
| 4 | LE noted that PEF funding will be reduced this year because of a reduction in the number of pupils registering for Free School Meals. LE requested that the PC assist in publicizing Free School Meals  Action: JSu to co-ordinate Parent Council presence at P7 parents night on Weds 22nd May to promote Free School Meals registration.  Action: JSu to draft Parent Council item for school website promoting Free School Meals. Circulate for approval. |
| 5 | NC suggested that parents should be given more information about Show My Homework. After discussion it was agreed that Parent Council will organize a drop-in or a stall at the P7 parents night on 22nd May. This will show parents how to use SMH.  **Action – ND to co-ordinate Parent Council presence at P7 parents night on Weds 22nd May to promote Show My Homework and how to use it.**  **Action - JSu and ND to liaise over recruiting volunteers and organizing our presence at the 22nd May P7 parents night.** |
| 5 | ND requested that the school consider sessions on Resilience when considering mental health education.  Further information provided after the meeting by DH<https://connect.scot/resources/ten-key-messages-developing-resilience> |

# Summary of Actions

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**REMINDER - Date of next meeting and AGM is 5th June 2019 at 7pm.**

**Appendix 1 – Head Teachers Report**

**HT Report March 2019**

**Primary Transition:**

* Information gathering taking place with Primary 7 staff currently
* Sports Leaders ran an event with Primary 7s from Broomhill and Hyndland Primaries
* Primary 7 Evening for parents, carousel workshops – 2 parents gave their experiences, S1 pupils, SMH and role of pupils support / nurture

**S1**

* Wider Achievement brochure distributed with some new clubs to encourage
* S1 Science focus exploring the bodyworks exhibitions, playing giant operation and building DNA models
* S1 Enterprise club involvement
* S1 attended the film screening at Glasgow Film

**S2**

* S2 pupils took a trip with the Computing Department to the BBC labs and studios and created animations as part of the BBC young report.
* Fairtrade projects taking place
* Ambassadors from Strathclyde University were with S2 to talk to them about the benefits of Language learning
* Careers Fayre – Big engagement from parents. Law Engineering Medai Accountancy, journalism, sports coaching finance to name a few.
* S2 Info night which led into Options process – Reports this week. Parents night 17th April

S3

* PT Enterprise Challenge got through to the regional final and 2nd place, Presenting their business ideas
* S3 STEM ambassadors supported the enhanced transition events of Whiteinch and Thornwood Primaries in Science.
* Planning S3 exams diet

**Senior S4, S5 and S6 –**

* Following the Prelims, focus has been on assessment and course work for N5 and Higher N5 is away to SQA, Higher SQA assignments currently packed up ready for uplift Thursday. Music Practicals, Drama Practicals, PE Practicals, Spanish and French speaking.
* Exams start Thursday 25th April and will run through the month of May
* Saturday morning study sessions well attended on average 20 – 25 in Lots of 4th, 5th and 6th year really appreciated this opportunity to use the facility. Saturday morning classes in Dance, Drama and Techical
* Blairvadach weekend for S5 and S6 – productive weekend in prep for exams, inspiring confidence Mr Mathieson organised.
* Easter school running 1st 3 mornings and 1st wqeek and 2nd 3 mornings of second wee for Art and Photography
* S4 – S4 group in the final of the multiplex independent training programme working with Glasgow university takes place tomorrow.
* Senior Group working alongside Univeristy of Glasgow on `top up’
* S6 parents brought in lots of resources to be recycled in way of revision books.
* Jobs fair group attended at Glasgow City Chmabers.

**GLASGOW INSPECTION** All the senior leadership team attended a briefing with Maureen McKennaexcellent progress in improving learning, raising attainment and closing the poverty related attainment gap

**Strengths identified:**

Council-wide vision to reduce the impact of poverty on children’s lives

Outstanding progress mitigating the impact of poverty on children’s lives through raising attainment

Excellent impact of continuous lifelong professional learning

Outstanding leadership opportunities for staff, parents and young people creating a culture of empowerment

**Priorities for development:**

The inspection report is likely to have only one priority which is ‘further refine self-evaluation’. However, the inspection process identified further priorities.

Refine further approaches to self-evaluation

Improve further approaches to family learning

Promote greater consistency in the involvement of parents in school improvement, including use of finance.

Continue to develop approaches to wellbeing, including staff wellbeing, restorative schools and restorative parenting

**INSET DAY**

Nurture focus and Chris Kilkenny keynote speaker re Childhood adverse circumsatnces.

**Whole School**

**MUSIC**

* Glasgow Schools’ concerts last night and tonight , a great representation from Hyndland pupils
* School chamber concert tomorrow night at 7pm
* Great representation at the Music Festival with a number of ensembles and trios and duets receiving firsts and placings
* 22 pupils at various stages sat Trinity Exams took place, excellent results.

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

* Last Friday 300 S1, S2 and S3 took part in Democracy Day workshops run by the Scottish Youth parliament and Glasgow Life, lots of young people sharing opinions and getting their views expressed. Election open until 29th March, presence at lunchtime in Fuel Zone

**MODERN LANGUAGES**

* 3rd and 4th year linguists participated in the multilingual debate at Heriot Watt University
* Language Ambassadors of the year award
* Certificate – Silver Award – Now on journey for Gold Award

**COMMUNITY**

* VISIT from Alison McIntyre Barnardos Childrens’ manager report, part of Education Committee organised by Maureen. ***I was really impressed by all the work that you and the team are doing to "narrow the attainment gap". The pupil centred approach shone out in all the discussions I had with both pupils and staff. It was a really wonderful experience to see such a nurturing secondary school”***
* Ed Psyc report: A qualitative research study What helps us achieve at school Pupils Perceptions *“Analysis of the pupil focus group results suggest that pupils in Hyndland Secondary feel positively about their experiences within school. Overall they presented as having high levels of intrinsic motivation and feeling that they are well supported by their teachers in school to achieve their goal”*
* House groups took part in litter pick ups in the local community – Year groups
* Number of young people went to Whiteinch Foodbank with a massive amount of collection
* School Captaincy team led assemblies on their work in the soup kitchens and the support of their appeal.
* LGBT group had a bake sale and arranged diplays for LGBT Hisptry month

**CHESS: Won agains Saint Aloyisius winning all individual games**

**SPORTS**

* Dance showcase – In Hyndland S1 and S2 groups, Higher dance, choreograph on show.
* 3 Dance teams competed in the North West Secondary Dance Show at Cleveden Secondary and won most creative piece with a chance of getting through to the finals.
* Humming Birds took part in the Sirens Netball Festival
* S3 and S4 Netballers beat St Thomas Acquinas
* Celtic Football Girls coach came in to share her coaching experiences for International Women’s day
* Thursday night at Somerset Park we will be receive the Glasgow Schools Football Gold Award
* Group who went to the European Athletic Championships

**TRIPS**

* Cern trip was a great success, organised by Physics dep
* IDL week planning started for week of 13th May – Paris, London, Blairvadach and in school programme

**STAFFING:**

* Depute Post – 29 applicants, long leet devised supported by Dorothy, long leet was staff and pupil discussion groups, 3 down to short leet assisted by Susan Aitken and Jill Johnston – Jodie appointed
* Lisa Johnston – Dance permanent
* Graeme McVicar – Biology permanent

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