Approved 16th January 2020

**Minutes Hyndland Secondary School**

**Parent Council Meeting 6/11/19**

**Present:**

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| **Parents** |  | **Staff** |  |
| Thomas R Wilson |  | Louise Edgerton |  |
| Amy Bryson |  | Gavin Tulloch |  |
| John Lewis |  | Alan Furniss | **Apologies** |
| Stephen McCabe |  |  |  |
| Stevie Gallagher  |  |  |  |
| Naheed Crosbie |  |  |  |
| Alistair Dalton-Hopwood |  | **Speaker** |  |
| Mary Dunne  |  | Marianne Paul |  |

1. Tea / coffee / Welcome and Introductions
2. **Speaker:**  Marianne Paul provided an update on a Research Project on Educational Attainment. HSS is one of a group of schools in Glasgow capturing educational attainment results above the predictive indicators used. Ms Paul was reporting on the feedback gained during research interviews from a group of HSS pupils selected for the research project. The feedback was signaling notable strengths within the culture of support and encouragement in HSS, and in particular the uptake of the study and support initiatives provided and run by the staff. It was acknowledged that these practices are contributing to the success of the school in attainment levels. Ms Paul emphasized the students acknowledgment and appreciation of the staff in their delivery of supported study.

A detailed report of this Research Project is intended to be made available on the Parent Council website.

**3 Head Teacher Report:** Ms Edgerton delivered the HT report on School activities spanning a range from P7 Transition Events in Science and Modern languages and Open Evenings**.** The S1 School Reports are out and the online bookings are open for the Parents Evening on 20/11/19. S2 have also had their Tracking Reports issued. S3 are experiencing an encouraging uptake in D of E as demonstrated on the Induction Day, and the 4th and 5th Year D of E Expeditions have begun. The Seniors organized a Halloween Disco for the S1 – S 3 s which very well attended and was deemed a great success by all. Also relating to the Seniors the HT reported that Supported Study has begun as have Careers Activities.

**4 Mr Tulloch:** delivered an Extra Curricular Literacy update ranging from Poetry Competitions to the observation of Armistice in the upcoming Assemble, plus the dedicated preparations for Book Week.

**5 HT:** provided information regarding the next steps on the Parental Observation Visits within the classroom setting. These visits will be done with a view to better understand the pupil experience. Pilot Observations will begin with Year 5. The response forms to be completed during the visits by the participating PC Members in this exercise to be discussed with HT prior to the Pilot.

**6 Mr Furniss:** provided an update on the IPad. He emphasized that the IPad are one part of a much wider context - a comprehensive Digital Literacy Upgrade. Staff training on the IPads has been undertaken to support Digital Learning. The intention is for the IPads to be issued to S1 – S3 during the Prelims in January, and the Seniors, Years 4 – 5 receiving theirs the week after. Mr Furniss also mentioned that the ICT Suites are due to be upgraded in 2020 and the intention to run Digital Family Learning Opportunities which are in development.

PC Members were given a copy of the Home School Agreement Forms that will require signatures, detailing the expectations surrounding IPad provision and the digital opportunities available. He requested PC Members read them over and provide feedback.

**7 Approval of Minutes of previous meeting – 6/11/19**

**8 Matters Arising:**

1. Thomas Wilson raised the matter of Period Poverty with the Head Teacher. He enquired about resource provision in the School’s Girls Toilets. This suggestion was receptively met by HT and pending.
2. Home School Agreement Forms to be previewed by PC Members and feedback provided.

**9 Previous Actions:**

1. Thomas Wilson deferred the decision on the frequency of PC meeting until January.
2. PC letters of enquiry and appeal, regarding Local Authority planned parking restrictions, on behalf of the School Staff have not met with success. Thomas Wilson advises bringing our expectations to a close on this matter. PC Members remain supportive of the impact the parking restriction will have on School Staff.

**Any Other Business**

1. Sincere appreciation and praise extended to staff for the range and effort delivered in support of study and wider experiences within and without of School hours.
2. An open question whether or not homework support could be extended to a wider choice of times and a wider range of subjects. This question was in direct discussion and enthusiasm for the current Math Family Study Support being run on Mondays.
3. Thomas Wilson highlighted the commitment of the PC to the benefit of the whole school.

**REMINDER: Next meeting 16th January 2020**