

Falkirk High School Parent Council Minutes

Tuesday 21st November 2023

Meeting held at FHS - 1900 hrs.

Agenda item	Detail	Action
(1) Welcome and Apologies for Absence	Lyn Bennet (Co-Chair), Andrea Davidson (Treasurer), Karen Findlay, Leona Hepburn (Staff Rep), Stuart Kelly (Headteacher), Rebecca Luke, Gail McEwan, Pam Sinclair (Co-Chair), Lily Stroud (Staff Rep), Fiona Traill, Murray Watson (Depute Headteacher) & Kelly Whittington (Depute Headteacher). Apologies noted were Tammy Bell (200 Club), Erika Cooper, Susanne Harrison, Ruth McCall, Nicola McEwen, Councillor Sarah Patrick, Councillor Ian Sinclair.	
(2) Minutes of Previous Meeting 18.09.23 and Matters Arising	The minutes from the previous meeting on 18 September 2023 were approved. Some matters arising will be discussed during the meeting.	
(3) Headteacher's 7 Minute Briefing	During the HeadTeacher's briefing, the Parent Council were updated on: #weareFHS – this programme offers families opportunities to get involved in activities at the school - Pupil Junior and Senior Leadership – the pupil leadership teams have engaged in teambuilding activities and planning for this academic session - Curriculum – the school is reviewing the S3 curriculum to address the need for more space in the timetable to enhance literacy and numeracy skills - FHS Foodhall- the school is partnering with The Trussell Trust to continue to offer food parcels to support families in need - Sustrans – the school is working with Sustrans with a view to increase the proportion of learners cycling to school - Cluster – the school is working with their cluster primary schools to enhance the literacy experience to enhance learner transition. - Literacy – the school is working on a number of initiatives to support literacy development across the school.	
(4) Update on Hayward report	The Head Teacher provided an update on the Hayward Report. Work on the Hayward Report has paused and the government will debate and return to this work in January 2024. An announcement was made by the Cabinet Secretary that a Centre for Excellence would be created but it is uncertain where the funding for this initiative will be taken from.	
(5) AGM	- The Parent Council discussed the Annual Report and in particular, the income from the Rag Bag was noted. In terms of finance, the balance of accounts as at 21 November 2023 was Main Account = £2725.12 200 Club = £1798.97 - Parents commented on the sizeable income received from the Ragbag collection and encouraged parents and staff to continue to use it to help increase income. Staff agreed to include this in a SatchelOne message to parents and other social media platforms. - It was noted that the Pupil Senior Leadership Team were running a fundraising Bingo night to buy Christmas gifts for disadvantaged families in the area. If anyone would like to donate a prize for the Bingo night,	

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	please leave these into the school office. It was noted that a few Committee positions would become vacant over the next year (in April 2024) including Treasurer and Co-chair – parents are encouraged to think if they would be willing to volunteer for the positions. Anyone interested should speak with Lyn Bennet or Pamela Sinclair or other members of the PC committee (see annual report for names).	
(6) Pupil Leadership	The Depute Head Teacher and Ms Smith, gave updates on the wide range of Leadership Opportunities within the school. The school are trying to encourage pupils to across all years to have the opportunity to have leadership positions including the S6 Leadership project to complete the Saltire award and the Mark Scott Leadership Award. Six pupils have been accepted onto the Mark Scott Leadership Award in 2023-24. It was noted that it would be beneficial for pupils to have the opportunity to have leadership skills shown on their achievement certificate, rather than only subject qualifications. During the discussion, two pupils (Tamsin and Cameron) summarised their leadership journey at FHS. The Parent Council thanked Tamsin and Cameron for coming along to share their experience with the Parent Council.	
(7) AOCB	The timetable for the January prelims will be published shortly.	
(8) Date of Next Meeting	The PC AGM will take place at the next meeting on Monday 22nd January 2024.	