

Falkirk High School Parent Council Minutes
Monday the 26th February 2024
Meeting held at FHS - 1900 hrs.

Agenda item	Detail	Action
(1) Welcome and Apologies for Absence	Attendees: Lyn Bennet (Co-Chair), Tammy Bell (200 Club), Lorna Binnie, Erika Cooper, Andrea Davidson (Treasurer), Stuart Kelly (Headteacher), Jen Macpherson (Depute Headteacher), Ruth McCall, Gail McEwan, Claire McLaughlin (Depute Headteacher), Rachel McPherson, Robert Menzies (Depute Headteacher), Gillian Millar, Jacqui Pearson (Co Vice Chair), Fiona Shearer (Co Vice Chair), Lily Stroud (Staff Rep). Apologies: Pam Sinclair (Co Vice Chair), Nicola McEwen.	
(2) Minutes of Previous Meeting 22.11.2023 and Matters Arising	- The minutes from the previous meeting were <u>approved</u>. - SK reported that the Hayward Review has been paused for now.	
(3) Headteacher's 7 Minute Briefing	- SK reported his 7-minute briefing. - LGBTI - FHS has been awarded the LGBT Charter at Silver Level for LGBT inclusion. - Transition - The pilot involving two transition teachers in school has been a great success regarding their work with P6 and their writing assessments. It is hoped that the teachers will remain with school for now but concerns were expressed over the budget issues this brings. - FHS Supports - Going very well with almost 2000 breakfast items distributed to pupils since August. School looking at joining with a charity called Magic Breakfast moving forward to give free breakfast from 815 and a 'grab-and-go' option for those running late. - Parent Support - Family events have been going very well with dinners, craft and fitness events well attended. - CMHW - Children's mental health week was a great success in school. - LFS - Change maker group working hard in school on various initiatives. Mentoring. There are currently 40 teachers doing mentoring at the moment with pupils from S4 and beyond who are off track on various subjects. The programme is going well.	
(4) Positions within PC Committee	With LB leaving, FS has agreed to move up to Co-Chair position. AD is also leaving but no one has as yet come forward to fill this place.	
(5) Treasurer's Report/200 Club Update	200 Club did not recruit any new members this year and current membership stands at merely 70. - PC are handing over £3000 to school for a new Easter Rewards programme for pupils s1 to S3. As has been done in previous year, £500 will also be paid to provide a sweet cart and Photo Booth at Senior Prom.	
(7) Maximising Attainment	Easter Study will again be offered this year as well as Supported Study, with Masterclasses being offered again for a third year. Study clinics will be in place the day before exams and Study Zones are in place after school Monday to Thursday, with resources and snacks available.	
(8) iPad	Concern was raised about access to iPads for non-educational purposes. SK confirmed staff are aware of parental concerns but noted that YouTube content will always be available to pupils as it's contained	

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	within the Google search facility.	
(9) AOCB	Appendix 8 where asymmetric week structure is considered for schools is still under consideration. £40million deficit is still to be found from Children's Services in Falkirk Council. The structure would mean a week of 33 periods (instead of the current 32). The structure would mean a half day school day on a Friday and a reintroduction of the form class. Period times would be cut from 50 to 45 minutes.	
(10 Date of Next Meeting	The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 23rd April at 7pm.	