

Falkirk High School Parent Council Minutes
Tuesday the 21st of March 2023
Meeting held at FHS - 1900 hrs.

Agenda item	Detail	Action
(1) Welcome and Apologies for Absence	Lyn Bennet Co-Chair, Lorna Binnie, Robert Bissett, Erika Cooper, Andrea Davidson (Treasurer), Louise Duncan, Susanne Harrison, Leona Hepburn (Staff Rep), Stuart Kelly (Headteacher), Ruth McCall, Gail McEwan, Nicola McEwen, Clare McLaughlin (Depute Headteacher), Fiona Shearer, Euan Stainbank (Councillor), Cailinn Rosie, Pam Sinclair (Co-Chair), Lily Stroud (Staff Rep) & Kelly Whittington (Depute Headteacher). 4 apologies – Tammy Bell, Diane Duff, Jacqueline McKinlay, Sarah Patrick (Councillor), Jacqui Pearson & Pamela Taylor (Secretary)	
(2) Minutes of Previous Meeting 23.01.23 and Matters Arising	The Parent Council were thanked for the cheques for the items approved for purchase at the January meeting. The meetings were approved and it was noted that the minutes are available online.	
(3) Headteacher's 7 Minute Briefing	- SK talked though the Headteacher's '7-minute briefing' and touched on the 7 points of the briefing: 1. Maximising Attainment 2. Engage With Employers 3. Columba 1400 4. SoR 5. Staffing 6. Parent Engagement 7. Be a Star	
(4) Budget Update	- The HT updated the Parent Council on the budget position, including the Falkirk Council meeting that took place earlier in March 2023. - There had been a proposal to stop the allocated budget for the School Based Police Officer. Falkirk Council, at the meeting in March 2023, voted against the School Based Police Officer proposal. - In terms of the proposal to close four school swimming pools in the Falkirk area, this will be voted on at the meeting on 29 March 2023. The Council will review the evidence and information available. Some pupils from FHS will speak to the Council at the meeting on 29 March. The pool at FHS is valued by the pupils, staff and parents of FHS and Councillors attending the Parent Council meeting thanked the Parent Council for raising this issue to Councillors.	
(5) School Transport	In terms of the proposal to change free school transport for pupils who live 3 miles away from the school (from 2 miles), the school is going to promote the Young Scot Card free bus travel.	
(6) Phase 3 Qualifications & Assessment in Scotland Report –	Attendees split into two groups to discuss the questions in the report. Parents were asked to fill information into a Padlet – a link to this document will be emailed to parents to allow them to feedback. This	

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Group Discussion	information will be used to collate a Parent Council response to the report.	
(7) Instagram	The FHS Instagram has been launched and the Parent Council were asked for feedback. Instagram is an excellent repository for information and parents are encouraged to follow the account.	
(8) Spring Fayre/Leavers Prom	- The Summer Fayre will take place on Saturday 24 June 2023 from 11 to 1pm. FHS pupils are getting involved to organise the summer fayre including contacting stall holders and local shops to give donations. Pupils will organise the event with the help from Parent Council. Parents are encouraged to offer suggestions for activities to take place at the event. Parents will be contacted to encourage them to donate prizes for raffles and tombola. - The Parent Council discussed the Leavers Prom and staff agreed to reinforce to pupils that the prom is for leavers and there is no expectation that pupils attend in S5. At present the number of leavers in S5 is around 33 pupils. Attending the event two years in a row can be costly for families.	
(9) Treasurer' Report/200 Club Update & Draw	- Balance of main PC account is £646.43 - Balance of 200 club account is £855.97. Draws are all up to date to the end of February. - Tammy Bell has agreed to take over responsibility of the 200 club.	
(10) ACOB	During the Parent Council meeting, attendees were made aware that the Committee papers for the meeting of the Falkirk Council meeting on 29 March 2023 had been released. The papers showed that the proposal to close the swimming pool has been included in the papers. The Parent Council were disappointed that the proposal to close four pools including the one at FHS had been included in the papers. The Parent Council reiterated to the Councillors present the Parent Council's view that the swimming pool should stay open for all the reasons previously outlined to Councillors.	
(11) Date of Next Meeting	Monday the 22nd of May 2023	