



Perth Grammar School Parent Council

Agenda

Meeting: Wednesday 16th November, 6.30pm.

Attending: Janice Napier, Jenny Robertson, Scott Jewell, Fiona Robertson, Jack McKeith-Low, Molly Pettigrew, Sandy Robertson (Guest Speaker)

Apologies: Aimee Stark, Shona Shinwell, Wendy Boag

1.	Welcome and apologies	JN
2.	New Head Girl and Head Boy report	JM-L/MP
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack and Molly explained more about the MVP, what it's about and what it means to them. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Engagement from all within the school ○ Creates a mix through the school for S1 to S6, even with those less likely to engage ○ Mr Dudgeon heads up with other teachers assisting ○ S5 & S6 pupils take part in 2-day training ○ Debates and issues within society discussed ○ Builds relationships ○ Rewarding ○ Taken seriously • PLT have had an initial discussion on the money the Parent Council have offered. A further meeting to be is scheduled and a proposal will follow • Upcoming PLT events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sleepout ○ Fundraising ideas ○ Prom planning • Housepoint use has increased and pupils are engaging with it 	
3.	Head Teacher Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Staffing news Darren Millar was appointed Principal Teacher Learner Support and Lucy McIntosh to the post of Principal Teacher Integrated Support Provision. • Trips have increased - DofE excursion dates in process (staff becoming qualified) and Christmas Concert is back / School Show has been announced as The Addams Family. • 30 new MVP ambassadors issued presented with their badges who now work with learners in the Broad General Education (S1-S3). • S&Q Report had been published. From a scrutiny perspective the school / local authority have final 	FR

	<p>information to submit to Education Scotland in December.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaping issue seems to have settled. Concern communicated via parent bulletin and assembly and support from agencies as appropriate. • HWB - PE - whilst we do have a t-shirt we would accept a plain, preferably black or white t-shirt. No club football gear. • Industrial action scheduled for 24 November 2022. 	
4.	<p>“Let's Talk” Scottish Education Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents had been issued with a standard letter earlier in the term. • Hold a T with HT on this topic • Assemblies held with all year groups on this theme. • Consultation closing date 05/12/22 • Parent Council to issue response. 	JN/JR
5.	<p>Property Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promethean boards are now installed in English and Mathematics. The remainder of the board will be installed by the end of the Easter holidays. • The games hall, gym hall and dance studio walls have now had wall toes added and the contractor is now leaving site. 	SJ
6.	<p>Treasurer's update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current balance £4454.75, this includes £1135.65 Perth Decides funds so £3319.10 • JR proposed we do a Christmas raffle for the concert on the 13th December to have a presence at the event and to raise funds. JR to propose spend to parent council members for approval • Hanging rail options sent to S6 pupils. Option chose. JR to confirm, obtain final approval and purchase. • Asda community funding application with Active School's Coordinator was unsuccessful but we have been given a slot for the green token box from Jan to March for EC sports clubs 	JR JR JR JR
7.	<p>Guest Speaker – Sandy Robertson from PKC Safer Communities Team</p> <p>Sandy came in to talk to parents and SMT to increase knowledge on the service they provide and their links within the community particularly in relation to youths.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer Communities Team are co-located with the Police and Criminal Justice Service at St Martins House. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer Community Wardens are co-located with Scottish Fire and Rescue at the Fire Station. • Look after <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ youth issues ○ drug issues ○ anti-social behaviour ○ graffiti & fly tipping ○ prisoner releases ○ identify vulnerable people ○ monitor logs from wardens, police, YMCA, street pasters and education child services ○ identify hotspots and deploy resources • In relation to youths, we have regular multi-agency meetings which involves the Wardens, Youth Engagement Team, Street Pastors, the YMCA and the Police. • At the weekends all the agencies patrol hot spot areas, engage with young people and keep them safe. Some of the youths can be under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. We try and identify the young people. If they have a keyworker (Social Work), we advise them of the engagement whether it is good or bad. If they do not have a keyworker and there are identified risks Rory Maidens from the Youth Engagement Team will “pick them up” and address any concerns raised. • Fiona Robertson requested the Community Wardens visit school from time to time around lunchtime. • Safer Communities team requested to attend Integrated Team Meetings within the school as they can input. 	
8.	<p>AOB & date of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further discussions were held on how the parent council could improve communication and engagement with parents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JR to put together a small piece about the parent council for inclusion in the parent bulletin from time to time. ○ JR to forward meeting invite content for parent bulletin two weeks prior to meeting 	<p>All</p> <p>JR</p> <p>JR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested holding meetings on different days of the week and setting them in advance • Date of next meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tuesday 24th January 2023 ○ Wednesday 22nd March 2023 ○ Thursday 11th May 2023 	