



## Perth Grammar School Parent Council

Meeting: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### Attendees:

*Parent and carers:* Carol Langton (Chair) (CL), Janice Napier (JN), Ron Wilson (RW), Shona Shinwell (SS), Aimee Stark (AS), Jenny Robertson (JR), Graeme Gatherer (GG), Richard Norris (RN), Lyn Macdonald (LM), Yvonne Paterson (YP), Megan Mailer (MM), Nicola Farquhar (NF), Nicola MacNee (NM), Wendy Boag (WB)

*PGS:* Fiona Robertson (FR), Martin Reid (MR), Scott Jewel (SJ), Craig Martin (CM), Daisy Ross (DR), Ishbel Dow (ID), Mary Cook (MC), Sarah Johnson (SJo)

*P & KC Council:* Andrew Parrott (AP), Chris Ahern (CA)

### Apologies: No apologies

<b>1</b>	Welcome and apologies.	CL
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CL started the meeting by giving thanks to the teachers and staff for the continued support given to pupils and parents during the lock down period.</li> </ul>	
<b>2</b>	Minutes and matters arising from previous meeting.	CL
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes from the previous meeting approved.</li> <li>Matters from previous meeting.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safer Schools app was approved by Parent Council.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>3</b>	Pupil Update – Head Girls	ID & DR
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Head Girls shared their experiences of school during lockdown and thanked the teachers for the support.</li> <li>They discussed the support and resources received.</li> <li>The Pupil Bulletin has been a good way to engage the pupil voice.</li> <li>The Head Girls shared a survey and received 250 responses from pupils.</li> <li>There has been weekly house competitions including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School bake off challenge</li> <li>KM Challenge</li> <li>Pet selfies</li> </ul> </li> <li>S5 assembly held and to discuss leadership opportunities in the school</li> </ul>	
<b>4</b>	Learner Pathways	MR & CM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fantastic turn out of parents and young people at the Senior phase pathways meeting</li> <li>MR provided an overview of the learner pathways to the Parent Council</li> <li>Lockdown will not delay the learner pathways process</li> <li>Due to the changes to SQA assessment dates the timetable transfers has been moved to mid June.</li> <li>Learner pathways 1:1 meeting to be held with all pupils making subject choices starting with S3.</li> <li>Wider achievement period introduced into senior phase and looking to develop this further.</li> <li>Aiming to expanding partnerships opportunities with external partners</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible sources of information for young people and parents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ My world of work: which has subject course generator to suit career choices;</li> <li>○ UCAS website increased information available</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Advice would be to consider subject choices for the senior phase as a three year phase rather than each year at a time.</li> </ul>	
5	COVID/Remote Learning	FR
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FM announced that small number of senior pupils can 5-8% of school population return to school with need for practical subjects</li> <li>• Most pupils will continue home learning.</li> <li>• Timetable has been created for returning pupils for 6 weeks at least</li> <li>• Must follow 2 meter rule and face covering</li> <li>• School uniform will no be required</li> <li>• 6 pupils can be allowed in the classroom at a time</li> <li>• STEAM has been removed</li> <li>• Treehouse will be used in the BGE phase in live lessons</li> <li>• PGS asked to share with education Scotland the offer to the pupils during lockdown</li> <li>• Further announcement on 1st March and 15th March</li> <li>• No change planed until the 15th March</li> <li>• Engagement has been good</li> <li>• Important to keep the engagement with BGE pupils and minimise impact of remote learning with them.</li> </ul>	
6	Head Teacher Report	FR
	<p><b>Staffing Update</b> We have now had our annual staffing meeting with Perth and Kinross Council. School roll looking at around 820 for next session. 142 anticipated in S1 - placing requests positive.</p> <p><b>Education Scotland - Action Plan Update</b> Continue to engage (currently in a support capacity).</p> <p><b>Connect - Parent Engagement event</b> HT had attended a session with this organisation of which Parent Council is a member.</p> <p><b>Achievement and Successes</b> Individual achievements. Recognising learners for their engagement. Met with S5 this morning re: Leadership. Andy Lochhead - Guinness World Record. T with the HT sessions again proving very successful.</p> <p><b>COVID / Remote Learning</b> Announcement yesterday by first minister. A small number of secondary school Senior Phase pupils will be permitted to attend school for critical practical coursework only. We have identified via faculties those pupils and produced a Senior Phase Practical Timetable. Seek Parent Council support with the following: Where pupils are asked to attend then we need them to do exactly that. This time 2m physical distancing requires to be in place. Lateral flow testing. Usual mitigations. Transport. Uniform not essential.</p>	

<b>7</b>	Property	SJ
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The contractors are on site and work has started renewing the pupil toilets, it is hopeful that this will finish ahead of schedule</li> <li>• ISP provision – furniture has been renewed and more worked is planned once restrictions have been lifted.</li> <li>• Some work delayed with classroom renovations due to current restrictions.</li> </ul>	
<b>8</b>	Treasurers update	RW
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bank mandate changes were challenging</li> <li>• £4604 – still include Perth Decides Money</li> <li>• Need invoice for the trophies still to be paid.</li> </ul>	
<b>11</b>	AOB	All
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CL attended parent engagement meeting with the GTC (teaching regulatory body). CL will send slides out from the meeting when they are received.</li> <li>• JR asked what fundraising methods the parent council has used in the past. JR would connect with FR after this meeting to share ideas from a connect session attended.</li> <li>• MM thanked the school team for the support during lockdown.</li> <li>• AP wanted to take the opportunity to stress that it will still take some time for life to return to normal after COVID.</li> <li>• PGS is celebrating 50th Birthday this year – reduced plans due to COVID</li> </ul>	

<b>Future Meeting Dates</b>
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19 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
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### Actions for future meetings

Item Number	Action	Completion Date
1.	Head Girl to propose plans to Parent Council for fund available.	Feb 2021 Carried forward
2.	Parent Council Accounts to be submitted to PKC.	Mar 2021
3.	Payment of Parent Night Online Booking System – decision if Parent Council Funds will pay for this.	Prior to Nov 2021