



Perth Grammar School Parent Council

Minutes

Meeting: Tuesday 12th March 2024 @6.30pm

Attending: Janice Napier, Jenny Robertson, Fiona Robertson, Roy McIntosh, Greg Duncan, Sam Lewis, Andrew Parrott, Chris Ahern, David Sinclair, Shona Shinwell, Alasdair Dawes

Apologies: Alexandra McQueen, Archie Mitchell

1	Welcome and apologies	JN
2	Pupil Leadership Team	AD
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THE PLT and pupils have been interviewed and been involved in PGS having their Silver award as a Rights Respecting School reinstated • Downs Syndrome day is Thursday 21st March. Wear your Crocs, Socks & Flip flops to raise funds through parent pay • PLT are finalising proposals to spend money from Parent Council offered at the start of their year as PLT 	
3	Study Support	SL
	<p>Sam Lewis gave a run through of preparations for Study school during the holidays and study leave</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A study school offering is being provided for students during the Easter holiday, giving the opportunity to attend at least one 3 hour study seminar for the majority of subjects. This is time the teachers are giving up during their holidays and already the school are seeing a good response from pupils wanting to attend. • Pupils will receive a study pack with bits and pieces to help aid study • Study Leave will run from Monday 22nd April till the 24th May • All year groups will move up a year on Monday 27th May • During study leave, there will be 2 days of study seminars for subjects prior to the exam day • Last exam is Art & Design on the 28th May – pupils taking this exam will return to the new timetable on the 29th May • 	
4	Headteacher Report	FR
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of Revenue Budget was provided in keeping with Parent Council Chair information. • Discussed the proposal for an asymmetric school week includes a combination of longer and shorter days with coordinated pupil free 	



	<p>time. The most common structure is four longer days and a short half day. This does not result in a change in the total hours of provision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding - managing expectations e.g. complaints. • Support staff may not automatically be replaced. • PGS received Silver Rights Respecting Schools Reaccreditation yesterday. Two years to get to Gold. Potential to utilise PGS Parent Council monies offered to PLT next year in this area • Science now has an Instagram and X account – potentially link with Alex’s social media for the Parent Council • S1 STEAM Project on Thursday morning. Partners involved. Lots coming in to deliver various workshops. 3 people from Education Scotland. • Social Studies visit to Black Watch Museum Project, continuing community link ups • John Swinney, MSP Visit meeting with S1 pupils and PLT • There have been a number of curricular learning trips across faculties. ISP went to see Discovery and a group went to the Simon Howie Factory • Self-evaluation and school improvement season. • Partnership visit with Strathallan School had taken place between both schools. <p>Staffing - Senior Technician this week. Say goodbye to ASH after 36 years of service. New Drama teacher takes up post on 14 April. Teacher of Learner Support has been appointed to deliver Inreach.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Attendance</p>	<p>GD</p>
	<p>Greg Duncan talked through the new attendance policy which has just been launched. The new policy is outlined in 5 pictorial documents which have been communicated with Parents and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent School Attendance – outlines the positive benefits associated with high attendance • Knowing the Score – outlines ways parents and young people can find out their current attendance percentage • Attendance Ladder – notes 6 percentage groups with the approx. number of days off per year and the ‘rating’ of each percentage group from excellent to serious concern • Being on Time Every Day – gives tips on effective time keeping and notes the days off per year that being consistently late by 5, 10, 15 minutes etc accumulates • Pupil Absence From Learning – outlines the negative effects on pupils when out of school for avoidable absences <p>Discussion had around these posters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the positive benefit from them already from a young person’s perspective (wanting to know their attendance percentage) 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the knock-on effect into the workplace PGS averages for attendance and the differences per year groups 	
6	Treasurers Report	JR
	<p>Jenny advised that there is £3022.42 in the parent council bank acc.</p> <p>£1135.65 of this belongs to a Perth Decides Fund from 2018. JR liaising with Scott Jewell on this to spend on a community garden area.</p>	
7	AOB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School ties – JR to price up supply of a new tie for each S1 pupil starting PGS. There will be approx 130no S1 pupils Parent Council did put together a survey for parents to see what other parents want from their parent council and to think of ways to bring new parents to the meetings. A first draft was put together but not distributed. JR to revisit and distribute to discuss merits of pursuing this at the next meeting S1 introduction parent’s evening is on Thursday 30th May Next meeting 30th April 6.30pm 	<p>JR</p> <p>JR</p>