

Thanks were given to Teachers from all on the Parent Council on how they have continued to adapt to the changes in delivering lessons (home learning, part time)

Thanks also were given to Pupils on coping with the changes with note to please continue to abide by the rules with regards to the use of masks, sanitising hands and LFTs

Parent Council - Carol

A contribution of £500 towards the copyright expenses of a School Tartan, in celebration of 50th anniversary has been made

An application has been made to Asda to be considered for the green token scheme for improvements to the outside space

Previous Minutes

£400 given to Head Girls for various reasons remains unspent, this has been redistributed back to the School and makes up part of the monies towards the School Tartan

Action 3 – PC Accounts should read March 2022

Pupil Overview – Head Girls

A survey on the Tartan options was put out on pupil bulletin came back as Tartan 2 providing the pupils voice

Social Spaces – upgrades to the common room/toilets are now complete; pupils struggled to adapt to the new unisex space initially however all are now being used and everyone likes the new space

Prize Giving – Pupil Leadership Team have met with Mrs Lewis and Mr Martin and began the planning for this event which is due to be held online again this year. Parent Council – have sponsored 2 Trophies this year for Spanish and PE

New Team – following interviews House Captains, Head Boy and Head Girl were appointed and been announced

HT Report – Fiona Robertson

Staffing Update

Aaron Anderson, Principal Teacher Health and Wellbeing now in post.

Aly Spalding, Principal Teacher, Science

Cara Wishart, Principal Teacher English

Improvement Planning

Current self-evaluation and improvement planning for next session now underway. Scottish Government focus on Equity, Recovery and Innovation reflective of our three core action points from **Education Scotland Inspection - Action Plan Update Continue** to engage (currently in a support capacity).

HT meeting with S1 pupils reflecting on their first year.

SQA

Held *T with HT* session earlier this week re: Alternative Certification Model process this year. Details have been shared with parents and young people.

Pupil Leadership Team Appointments

Process for Head Boy and Head Girl and House Captains now complete.

Moving towards end of session

Change of timetable (Mr Reid to follow) / Prizegiving will take place in a hybrid format / Transition.

1971-2021 (PGS 50 Years)

We have developed a school tartan utilising pupil voice and the expertise of The Tartan Ambassador.

Rights Respecting Schools Award

Going for Gold. Ms Auld whole school leadership remit. Need for pupils to get behind it again.

Core Pathways/Timetabling – Martin Reid

Term 3 started in Lockdown. Lots was learned and taken away the positives from that experience that could potentially be doing the same next year. Thanks were expressed to the Guidance Team who conducted 420 1-1 sessions with senior phase pupils. Meetings were to gather course choice and discuss any issues. Initially 37 pupils couldn't be reached (less than 10%), still sitting at 20 but believed that then be at the point of going to college/leaving.

A lot of work has been done with the columns. PGS offer an open choice, which not all schools do, providing the best possible column structure. BG refers to S2 going into S3 and Senior Phase through schools S4-6.

- BG achieved 94.7% student satisfaction, after Maths and English students are making 7 additional choices: BG Choice satisfaction 99.2%
- Senior Phase 88% student satisfaction and 94.6% choice satisfaction; for 420 students there are 2700 different choices and combinations.

Mr Martin and Guidance are currently working with pupils to make changes who have a clash or are looking to update class choices. In some cases, this is due to student finding out progress in their learning so live attainment which is unique to this year. Changes to be updated in SEEMIS this week. Planned changes to timetables will be issues during Tutor Time on 11.06.21, launch of the new timetable on 17.06.21. Principal teachers will scrutinise the timetables between these dates, with the Ambition Agenda in mind, ensuring pupils are progressing with learning, not taking same subject/same levels, identifying side steps or could be taking advanced Highers.

IDL projects – STEAM has a new leader, leading the whole school.

Wider achievement accreditation – staff are meeting to discuss BG accreditation. A significant piece of work on implementation of accreditation of core PE and PSE in senior phase is being undertaken.

SMART qualifications – looking to accredit pupils who are doing work in PSE; dual credit pupils doing NAT5 and Higher English.

Parent Council will continue to highlight the need for pupils to bring face masks/covering via posts on social media

Property – Scott Jewell

Toilet upgrades – first set now open, second set due to open prior to summer holidays, Music corridor should be open following summer holidays and toilets at back of hall open towards end of September.

Next phase of works is to install new permethrin boards in every learning space, classroom layout will change. In tandem additional upgrade works will take place, phase 1 will be 4 music/drama class refurbishments thereafter in phases over the next 12-18 months 4 maths classrooms, 4 science labs, 2 computing classrooms and an English class. From August 2021 it is anticipated 1 or 2 classrooms will be decanted to undertake these improvement works.

Health & Wellbeing – Aaron Anderson

New faculty combining Home Economics and Physical Education. Gathering opinions from Teachers & Pupils what Health & Wellbeing and would like to get parent thoughts and views on this also view a MS Form or similar. Energy Drinks education to include parents/carers. Looking to normalise conversations around Mental Wellbeing with pupils and running a Mindfulness SQA L5 award on a Friday afternoon in partnership with the Sport & Mental Health Charity Back on Side. Back on Side are keen that all staff have Scottish Mental Health First Aid training. The facility now has a Twitter account.

Scott/Carol – to discuss separately the food options provided by Tayside Contracts at school

Treasury Update

As at end of March 2021 bank balance was £4605.40 which includes historic funds of £1135, Net position is credit £3469.75 In March received interest of £0.47 and PKC budget monies of £737 and is included in this figure. Still come off account is £500 Tartan money and £195.40 prize giving trophies

Net credit position is £2774.35 credit