

LHS Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 7th November 2023

Present: Shona Fleming (Chair), Ali Berardelli (Vice Chair), Dee Collins (Treasurer), Louise Pescod, Becky McCook, Jen Deschenes, Scott Steele (HT)

Apologies: Alison Stephen, Lisa Wharton, Rachael Tonks, Laura Kingswood, Yvonne Clark (PT), Sarah Fanet (Councillor)

Welcome: The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Previous Minutes: Proposed – AB Seconded – LP

Treasurers Report:

Current balance (10/01/23) £1964.52

Head Teachers Report:

Trips:

S6 London February 2024, Jordan October 2024 (including DoE) revised, PGL Mediterranean Watersports 2025 (current S1-S4)

S6 London fundraiser - Bingo Event at Caol Community Centre Sunday 19th November 1.30pm-5pm organised by staff and S6 pupils. Donations from parents and local businesses requested. Prizes can be dropped off in room 2-1 or can be collected from reception

School Visits:

Wednesday 4 October 2023 parents were invited to visit the school. Approximately a dozen parents with a mix of year groups attended. Another one will be organised for late November/early December

Staffing:

PSB Glencoe House – we will continue with our acting position

Maths Post – two staff members are covering this post together

Gaelic Post – rotations have been organised and C. Groat is also making video inputs

Home Economics – vacancy. PE are undertaking most of the cover teaching well-being related topics. Rebrand – Health & Nutrition?

Rolling cycle of advertising and re-advertising. Applied for probationers. Staffing will impact on curriculum structure

Senior Art & Photography Exhibition:

Senior pupils staging an Art Folio & Photography exhibition which may be extended to include drama and music. Provisional date 11th December 2023 TBC. Parents and extended families welcome. Parent Council will fund refreshments
Higher Photography exhibition planned for end November (27th) at the Highland Cinema

Art Partnership with Ali Berardelli:

Ali working with Art department to deliver two workshops for students after school on Fridays. Hoping to design and produce Backdrop banner. Generic Design, 4m by 2m, Fabric banner, branded LHS, digital artwork, folds away. All Round Signs quote - £804. Funding application for £500 submitted to AMP and school agreed to cover balance.

Health & Well Being Report:

S1-S3 HWB days October 2023. Theme linked to the UNRC rights for the child with the workshop topics discussed based on this. Well received by all pupils and the feedback from the Community Partners was positive

Christmas Discos – S6 are given the opportunity to plan the disco's and have the responsibility for the planning and preparing ticket sales, posters, photo booth and food. Overseen by Y Clark

“ All things well-being” the first podcast of term 2 recorded and hopefully goes live 10th November as a link on the LHS Heads Up page

Work is on-going to provide a HWB afternoon for the senior phase in preparation for the exams, based on relaxation and study skills

Fundraising:

Bag Pack – not possible, Morrisons have now stopped this

Direct Approach – link with QR code / Paypal, Just Giving

Foundation Scotland/ Sports Scotland – to be explored

Beetle Drive – to be explored

Glencoe House Sensory Garden – costs have increased and project stalled. Need to support this to it's conclusion otherwise funding secured from Highland Council will have to be repaid

AOB:

School Trips – can receipts be issued for payments

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 5th December 2023 7pm LHS Meeting Room