

Graeme High School

Parent Council Update

Wednesday 2nd October 2019



PRESENT AT OUR MEETING:

Sian Balfour (Chairperson), Lesley Carroll (Headteacher), Andrew Buchanan (Head of Thomson), Margo Marshall (Business Education Teacher), Eira Walls (Resource Manager), Nicola Jenkins, Hazel Beattie, Margaret Wilson, Zoe Turkington, Jessica Paterson, Jane Mason, Richard Totten, Anne-Louise Hayden, Mhairi Smith, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Binnie, Zayn Ali (Captain), Lauren McNair (Captain)

APOLOGIES:

Gordon Brown (Treasurer), Rhona McDonald

CATCHING UP FROM LAST TIME

MENTAL HEALTH

Lesley Carroll confirmed that, as part of the Mental Health Strategy, the school has identified a week in October to have a Mental Health Week. Miss Carroll also confirmed that the government have committed to fund school based counsellors, although the details around this have not yet been finalised.

Action: R Queenan / K Morrison



SENIOR FAMILY LEARNING FESTIVAL – 7th NOVEMBER 2019

The school has decided to adapt this year's S4-S6 Parents Evening in an attempt to make it a better experience for pupils and parents. Sian Balfour and Karren Morrison had an opportunity to contribute to the programme for the evening. The programme will be e-mailed to the parents/carers of S4-S6 pupils.

All teachers will be available on the evening to answer any questions or to give advice.

There will also be a range of workshops, stalls and an Information Hub to provide parents/carers with the information they need to support their child with their studies.

Action: K Rennie

**Family
Learning**

WHAT'S IN OUR MAIL?

No new items



ISSUES/QUESTIONS/FEEDBACK

ZOMBIE QUEST

The group discussed the activity, which has raised just over £2000 so far. The group felt that if parents were aware of the reason for requiring funding to renovate the changing rooms that this may have helped to increase donations.

Lesley Carroll will arrange for information to be sent out to all parents.

Sian Balfour and Margaret Leech, who is involved in Parent Council Forums both locally and nationally, to investigate further into potential funding streams.

Action: L Carroll / S Balfour / M Leech



TONIGHT'S 'BIG CONVERSATION'

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES

Lesley Carroll gave information on the 4 key School Improvement Priorities for the current session, which are:

- Raising Information
- Health & Wellbeing
- Vision, Values and Aims
- Skills



Lesley advised that the school are working towards the Gold Award in Right Respecting Schools this session.

EXAM RESULTS OVERVIEW

Andrew Buchanan provided a comprehensive presentation and answer and question session on the SQA results for the 2018/19 session, which have been our best set of results. Congratulations were given to our pupils and staff.

Andrew also explained the steps in place to support our pupils throughout the current year, which include:

- Exam Analysis Report
- Insight Analysis
- House Tracking
- Targeted Groups



TREASURER'S UPDATE

There is currently £418 in the Parent Council Account, having contributed £500 towards last session's leavers' scarves.

Action: G Brown



AOB

MINUTES

Marie Snow to ensure that the local Councillors receive a copy of the minutes and also add the last minutes to the school website. Access to be requested for Marie to edit the Parent Council section of the school website.

Action: M Snow

NEXT MEETING

DATE	NEXT BIG CONVERSATION TOPICS
18 November 2019 (Mon)	AGM Empowering Parents – K Rennie

We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting. New members are always welcome to attend.



Sian Balfour
Chairperson



Karren Morrison
Vice Chairperson



Gordon Brown
Treasurer