



LINLITHGOW ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
7pm to 8.30pm, Thursday 1 December 2022,
Hybrid Meeting in school and Zoom Video Conference

Attendees:

Parent Council Members:	Ann Marie Penman (Chair), Richard Payne (Vice Chair), Pamela Calabrese, Fiona Couper Kenney, Hannah Dunn, Jeremy Fuller, Nick Goldfinch, Andrew Grant (Zoom), Judith Gray, Lesley Paxton (Zoom)
Head Teacher:	Grant Abbot
Teachers:	Luisa Burgess (Zoom) and Rhona White (Zoom)
Pupil Representatives:	Head Girl (Zoom) and 4 Midi Champs
Parent Forum:	Magali Redding, and via Zoom: Claudette Boa, Eleanor Burt, Suresh Chakramani, Campbell Ford
Guests:	Alison Rutherford, Deputy Head Teacher and Diana Mason PTC Pupil Support (Kelvin House)
Clerk:	Soné Spottiswoode
Apologies:	Mary Joseph, Julia Miller

1. Welcome, introductions & apologies
The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted as above
2. Minutes from the last meeting
Minutes were approved by Pamela Calabrese and seconded by Fiona Couper Kenney with the following amendment - Pupil Representatives: Head Students and Deputy Head Boy
3. Matters arising
 - The Chair thanked Fiona Couper Kenney for submitting a response on behalf of the PC to the West Lothian Council Budget Consultation.
 - Topics for PC consideration 2022-2023 will be on the agenda as follows: 1 Dec HWB/Pupils support structure, 23 Jan Pupil engagement and 7 Mar Attainment and improvement
4. Topics for PC Consideration 2022-2023
Health and Wellbeing
 - Grant Abbot explained the revised Pupil Support Structures in place with reference to information on the school [website](#).
 - Alison Rutherford shared details about the role of Head of House

A question was raised and answered about school pastoral workers' training and availability.

Alison, Diana and the 4 Midi Champs shared more details on the following for this session:

- HWB Champ Poster launch
- Health & Wellbeing Check-ins (S1-6)
- S1 Settling-in Interviews
- MVP (*Mentors in Violence Prevention*) programme
- Champs Meetings (Staff/Pupils/Parents/Carers)
- Feedback on Mental Health Awareness Week, Equality and Diversity Group and National Anti-Bullying Week
- Targeted support settings
- First Aiders are trained teachers to deal with mental issues.
- Social media posts during Mental Health Week with advice on stress on Twitter and TikTok.
- Equality and Diversity Group - Odd Socks Day, Positive shoutouts

A question was raised about the intended audience for the website and it was suggested by PC that a glossary of school/education acronyms would be helpful .

A question was raised and answered regarding the impact of Midi Champs and how they measure the difference they make.

A question was raised and answered about the core session topics chosen for Mentors in Violence

A question was raised and answered about the take up of the Tuesday and Thursday's lunch-time safe space for students to approach the Midi Champs. It was suggested by the PC that the arrangements for this might be reviewed to improve the uptake of what was seen as a very positive initiative and resource

A question was raised and answered as to benefits to pupils of being a Midi Champs.

A question was raised and answered about how The Parent Council can support the Champs.

5. Head Teachers Report

Grant Abbot gave an update on:

- Update on Scottish Government National Discussion on Education
- Welcome evenings S1-S3
- Study support S4-S6
- SQA Diet including additional assessment requirements (AAA)
- Strike disruption
- U16 Linlithgow Rugby team playing at Murrayfield
- Christmas activities time-table
- Pantomime visit for S1s

The meeting closed at 8.30pm with thanks to those attending