



LINLITHGOW ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
7pm to 8.30pm, Monday, 23 Jan 2023,
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, Mary Joseph (Zoom) Jeremy Fuller, Nick Goldfinch, Andrew Grant (Zoom), Julia Miller, Lesley Paxton (Zoom)
Head Teacher:	Grant Abbot
Teacher representatives:	Luisa Burgess (Zoom) and Rhona White (Zoom)
Pupil Representatives:	Head Girl and 6 pupil parliament representatives
Parent Forum:	Campbell Ford, Viktoriia Liamets, and via Zoom: Som Bhattam, Andy Gray, Graham MacKenzie, Alan, Claire Conchie, Sughanya Manakshaw
Guests:	Dr Ed Marsh (Acting DHT Learning & Teaching), Mrs Nicola Stewart (Link staff member for Pupil Parliament)
Clerk:	Soné Spottiswoode
Apologies:	Hannah Dunn and Judith Gray

1. Welcome, introductions & apologies

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted as above

2. Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes were approved by Grant Abbot and seconded by Soné Spottiswoode with the following amendments – add 'head boy' to those present and item 4 should be HWB rather than midi champs

3. Matters arising

- The use of acronyms on the website

Action: GA list will send out a form to PC members to capture acronyms and a glossary will be compiled to explain these.

- Tue/thu lunchtime sessions safe space for students

Action: GA will give an update at a future meeting.

- PVG for parents – GA confirmed that parents and carers helping in school will require to join the PVG scheme (or update membership) unless they have a member of school staff with them at all times

4. Topics for PC Consideration 2022-2023

Learner engagement

The 6 pupil parliament members gave an update on the set up and role of the pupil parliament and learning rounds

Dr Ed Marsh explained more about the following:

- purpose of pupil parliament
- the next steps for learning rounds and the feedback from previous rounds

There was a positive discussion about all aspects of the presentation

5. Items from Parent Forum

The chair noted that the PC is not able to respond to individual student issues and would always advise that the parent/carer contact school directly with any issues

Items raised by the parent forum and discussed at the meeting were:

- Subject course overview information
- Pupil behaviour on school premises, particularly in the corridors
- Use of e cigarettes (vaping) on school premises
- Pupil access to toilets during the school day
- Support arrangements for prelim examinations

6. Head teacher's report

GA gave an update on the following:

- S3 Careers evening and S3 curriculum choice information.
- School trips
- School budget and the substantial impact over the next couple of years
- Potential strikes – 31st January and the 1st February

Mrs White gave an update on the following: F1 in Schools and the progress of the two teams

- Hosting next year
- Action GA will approach parents/carers who have offered business skills support to see if they are interested in volunteering as a judge.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm with thanks to those attending.