

Liberton High School Parent Council - 22nd January 2025 Chair: Derek McNeil Clerk: Megan Crawford Attendees: Lynsey Kilgour, Lindsay Davies, Megan Crawford, Sarah Buchan, Derek McNeil, Alison Humphreys, Sophia West, Jocelyn Hammer, Jeni Rowe, Lesley Nicol, Carrie Thomson, Alex Ramage, Rhoda Barclay, Alta Mene Apologies: Hannah Hasson, Joanna Miller, Craig Walker, Ann Charles, Gila Holliman, Patience Nyabasa, Nyarai Mzenda, Mairead Butler, Vivian Aigbedion, Robert Abel	
Approval of Minutes Jeni Rowe	
Chair (Derek McNeil- acting) -Actions from last meeting RBS account -LK to open a new bank account. Jeni happy to apply for the new account, she just needs the details. FB and AR to give JR her details. School Induction and non catchment students -AR to chase up students that aren't in the catchment area and not receiving school induction days.	FB and AR to give JR her details. AR to chase up school induction days students.
Head Teacher Report (Alison Humphreys) Pupil Input (Sophia West)- Went to Boroughmuir High School to discuss how students run their student leadership teams. Several schools attended. Good ideas- community links with residential housing and elderly folk hosting events. Hoping to do something similar at Liberton. Hoping to create links with the primary schools that link into us. Brogan has reached out to Craigour. Initially reaching out to Primary 7 and then potentially younger year groups. Would like to build upon this. Pupil Voice- pupils who are not in leadership roles voices not being heard. Create a suggestion box and a form link. Could the students go to see the elderly at their homes, and the Primary students coming here. Volunteering after school on a Friday. Seniors this year putting in place the structures for future year groups. Longer term aim of having a spread of year groups helping with transition. Staffing News -Fixed Term Chemistry Teacher appointed- A McGrath -Fixed Term CL of Social Subjects and RMPS- L Gilmore -2 Social Subjects posts (Modern Studies/History)- Interviews 28th January -1 Fixed term Art and Design Teacher post (3-month post) - Interviews January 27th Road Closures- Main drive closed to vehicles (3.25-3.40 Mon-Thurs and 12.10-	

12.25 Fri) -Started on 16th December -No communications received from families regarding concern -Working well so far (long may this continue) -Much safer for the students New Community Campus Update -Balfour Beatty and CEC coming to our next Parent Council meeting on 3rd March (as are our Parent Councils from our associated primaries). They are trying to get the delay time down. Could it be possible to make the move in August 2026 rather than April 2026? Think of and prepare any questions for them at the next meeting. Could we display the working schedule on a board? Dates this term - this week (and last week)- S2 into S3 Coursing Meetings between pupil and PSL# -Wednesday 29th Jan- visitors from Hong Kong coming to the school -Thursday 30th Jan- Senior Phase (S4-6) reports issued- change to initial date in calendar. Email was sent to families of S4-6 two weeks ago about this. -Friday 31st Jan- S3 reports issued -Monday 3rd Feb until 28th Feb- current S4 and S5 coursing meetings (families will receive an invite) with pupil and Mr McGuinn- families welcome. -Monday 17th Feb until 28th Feb- current S3 coursing meetings (families will receive an invite) with pupil and Pupil Support Leader – families welcome -Wednesday 5th Feb- S3 Parent Evening (5-7pm) -Monday 10th to Friday 14th- SCHOOL HOLIDAY WEEK.	AH to query BB.
Feedback from MSP liaison (A Ramage) -Inclusion review (31st Jan at the City Chambers) Parent Councils invited to give their opinion. The main change is that it will bring staff closer to the learning communities and HT will be able to direct the staff rather than be centrally directed. Affecting additional support needs/additional language students. Daniel Johnston is aware and happy to try and further the cause. -We have not been given any final detail of what this looks like, the whole council is being restructured. Our learners who work with ASL on an online virtual learning environment will no longer have this, as it will move to having a person at the school. -Who will line manage these staff members? Tricky for the ASL staff themselves and how they fit in all of this.	AR to send on to MC the details.
AOCB Learning communities- Donna Murray is looking to go out to schools and speaking to parent councils. Prelims- can we have all prelims being set on the same day for courses, to shift back to how it was previously done? Wanting to stay away from the anxiety of having many prelims in one day/over the course of a few days. Schools across the council moving to what we have at Liberton. Schools are moving to 6 reporting phases and staff want to have robust evidence for this, so assessing as we go.	

Students appreciating being able to Scottish Curriculum meetings held just before Christmas at Liberton- Parents invited. Was 45 minutes and about the pathways and subjects we have. Could CT send this to everybody. Work experience opportunities- team at the council called developing the young work force that oversee work experience. -through JET (junior employment training), work placement and look if it fits their pathway. Have their own plan for work experience and that is risk assessed by DYW. -Bringing businesses into the curriculum/into the school to speak to students. -Volunteering opportunities. -Minutes from last meeting amended and approved by Jeni Rowe.	CT to send out to everybody, first to JR to read over.
Next Meeting: Monday 3rd March 2025	