

Liberton High School Parent Council

Chair: Lynsey Kilgour

Clerk: Megan Crawford

Attendees: Alison Humphreys (Head Teacher), Lynsey Kilgour, Jeni Rowe, Derek McNeill, Alex Ramage, Carrie Thomson, Lesley Nicol, Derek McNeil, Jocelyn Hammer, Rhoda Barclay, Robert Abel, Fiona Baillie, Brogan Leslie, Abiola Aborishade, Adewunmi Anumashaun, Nyaradzai Agatha Christine Zindoga, Lindsey Murphy

Apologies: Hannah Hasson, Joanna Miller, Craig Walker, Ann Charles, Gila Holliman, Patience Nyabasa, Nyarai Mzenda, Mairead Butler, Vivian Aigbedion, Sarah Buchan, Alta Mene

Approval of Minutes

Chair (Lynsey Kilgour)

- Praise post cards- sounds like they have been successful and well used by staff. Thoughts on us funding the next batch and the Amazon vouchers for the Junior and Senior pupils of the month. £360 for the year for the Amazon vouchers. AH to check with Ange how much the praise postcards are. Have about £5000 over all the accounts. We need to promote easy fundraising.
- Access to all the bank accounts need to be looked at.

Head Teacher Report (Alison Humphreys)

- Pupil Input (Brogan Leslie)- Pupil Leadership team given the chance to lead activities across the school. Brogan is working on communications and displays around the school. Brogan would like to head parents' views on displays around the school. Wanting to make the building look neater and more colourful. Maybe have the staff photographs up so that parents can identify staff members. Could put up the pupil of the month photographs? Photographs of the pupil leadership team? Mural of student's work. Construction mural wall that is added to continually. S6 students are currently electronically archiving previous booklets and yearbooks. House noticeboards? We have house token tubes.
- Liberton Learning Festival- had all the primary schools in our catchment to join us for a variety of workshops. Staff could pick which workshops they felt would be the most beneficial for their practice.
- Literacy and Numeracy for S4- pleased with the trend and it is similar to the national comparative.
- Literacy and Numeracy for S6- they were strong in comparison to the national comparative.
- Attainment vs Deprivation (S4, S5 and S6)- generally flat gradient, which is what we are aiming for. The virtual comparator is the best and closest measure we have.
- Total Awards- looking at improving our level 4 and 5 awards.
- Uniform- pupils have continued to do well with the new uniform policy and has meant we have had more calls from the community about our students.
- Police gave presentations to S1-S4 students with a Fireworks Focus.
- The Liberton Lesson- we are doing Faculty Focus Days. Teachers in each faculty are being observed by a group that includes the curriculum leader, a member of SLT and a subject specialist from another school.
- Middle Leadership at LHS- monthly cycle of meetings to encourage self-evaluation, support and collaboration. They have been looking at communication- our website, our X feed, our referral system, our bulletin notices etc.
- Balfour Beatty Update- we will ask them to come in January, a year on after their last update to the Parent Council.
- Visit tomorrow- Ian Murray, our school MP, is coming to visit Liberton at 10:45am. He will meet the pupil leadership team, the SLT and to see the new school current site.

AOCB • Badminton Rackets- is it possible to get more rackets? • S6 Leavers- yearbook digitally? Parents invited to the S6 leavers ceremony. • Praise Postcards could be digital too? • Lorna French is retiring next month. • The council are doing an Inclusion Review at the moment. Not spoken to parents yet, but have spoken to staff and additional support needs students in schools. • Budget- keep in mind the education budget that the council sets. Opportunity for us as parents to say education is important to us and to let our counsellors know this. • Parental engagement sessions are set up by the council if anyone is interested. • Children that are in catchment but not in a feeder primary school- how can we capture those children? Do we need to position counsellors? Could this information be put out on Edinburgh Learns or shared out in the council in general? • Family events- bad communication about whether to bring students along or not. We will make this explicit. Feedback to parents that asked questions, could maybe do a Frequently Asked Questions sheet?	MC to pass AR's email addresses to JR.
Next Meeting: Monday 2nd December	