



Hermitage Academy Parent Council
4 June 2018
Library 7pm-9pm

Attending

HAPC:		Year Rep	
Stella Kinloch, Chair	SK	S4	X
Anne Turner, Vice Chair	AT	S5/6	X
Sheena Wain, Treasurer	SW	S3	X
Jo O'Donnell, Secretary	JO	S2	X
Val Reynard, Vice Secretary	VR	S4	APOL
Andy Horrocks	AH	S1	APOL
Nanette Clark	NC	S1	X
Elizabeth Lambert	EL	S1	X
Donna Hicks	DH	S2	X
Tracy Niblock	TN	S2	X
Gilan MacLeod	GM	S3	APOL
Pamela Pettit, ASN Rep	PP	S4	X
Jane Keightley	JK	S5/6	---
Suzanne McCallum	SM	S5/6	X
Robert Williamson, HT	RW		X

Agenda Item	Actions
1. Welcome & Apologies	
2. Minutes from meeting on 18 April 2018 to be approved	
Minutes approved (Prop. JO 2 nd SW)	
3. Rights Respecting School presentation Mrs Lindsay Purves (PE teacher) delivered a presentation helped by Hannah Thomson (S2). The slides will be uploaded to the HA website. S4's in the pupil-led steering group have a petition which they will deliver to Brendan O'Hara in London later this month, details and the opportunity to sign will be available on HA website shortly. The steering group are seeking input from parents in the compilation of the School Charter, both for the content of the commitments from parents and for the layout of the Charter. Details of how to participate will be given out via HAPC website and Facebook page. The Parent Council thank Mrs Purves for the extensive work she has put into achieving UNICEF RRS Award.	SK

<p>4. Matters arising</p> <p>a. Library</p> <p>Classroom Assistants will supervise Library use as a Senior study area. Part of F Hotchkiss's remit is to manage CA's, and to decide what they can do in addition to supervising. The aim is for the library to grow as a learning space, with increased tech access for pupils to be able to complete homework after school if they can't access tech at home.</p> <p>Books will be cleared out, with out-of-date books donated to the BookCase Zambia project. The school will continue to invest in new books, mainly fiction, as books are not part of current methodology for research in knowledge based subjects as the material updates rapidly.</p> <p>Library part of HGIOS now. However, mainly staff-related and for literacy outcomes. Can be a driver for asking LA for librarians.</p> <p>John Swinney's School Library Improvement Fund: RW has put this to LA to take forward.</p>	
<p>b. Pupil Equity Fund (PEF)</p> <p>Funding ShowMyHomework (SMH) Initial staff training started 25 May at In Service day. Will launch fully in August with trials first before full roll-out: staff are starting to put homework on now.</p> <p>Parents will get information before end of term. It was suggested that there be a Parent Info evening in August to roll it out. RW keen to meet parents across the school to find out their expectations, overall – not just regarding homework.</p> <p>Discussion re Homework Policy – updating is FH remit and this policy will be one of the first ones updated.</p> <p>Information from discussion: PEF is funding 2 outreach workers: remit is H&W based, cost is £55k Pupils how have access to GLOW</p>	RW
<p>c. Lockers</p> <p>One of Mitie's suppliers are now in a bidding war with [Timpsons] 15-20% of lockers can be PEF funded. Minimum of 800 will go in over summer break. Booking form will go out to parents. This will include current P7s transitioning to HA. Query raised: who will look after payments?</p>	RW RW

d. Outdoor seating Planning will be taken forward later in the year.	
e. Study Club Future clubs will have clear guidelines.	
f. Communication Sub-committee will be convened over the next 2 weeks to identify issues and solutions.	RW SK
g. School Improvement Plan (SIP) Due for submission on 15 June. Focus is on the 4 main issues identified by ES, along with input from [stakeholders?]	
h. Xpressions App Awaiting review results from ABC.	
5. Parent's Night Schedule RW finalising new working time agreement, then will set schedule	RW
6. Edmodo Part of GDPR consultation, not to be used in meantime.	
7. Split teaching hours Analysis not yet done as timetable only in place from today. Figures will be supplied	RW
8. Head Teacher Report - Appendix	
9. Year Reps Incorrect recording of where children are. RW requested detail in order to progress. Parents who expressed issues will be asked to contact RW. Query: Why work placements are done in holidays, not term? RW advised that teaching time is prioritised, particularly as the exam timetable continues to start earlier each year. In addition, the pupils now have 7 weeks of holiday between August and the start of exams (2-October, 2-Christmas, 1-February, 2-Easter) which also makes teaching time a priority. 100 placements were taken this year.	SK
10. AOB Discussion of iTime. Add to next meeting Agenda. PC will work with FH to discuss alternatives. Uni Open Days not communicated to pupils by school. Office staff to be proactive in finding info and signposting.	JO

Gender inequality in Higher Physics compared to other sciences. School has opened a Girls In Science group. Maths and Science teachers leading unconscious bias awareness.

Query: When will prelims be, given the exams start 25/4/19?
Decision is still in progress. Will be discussion to consider whether requirement for all subjects to set exam condition prelim, could look at Maths and English and all other subjects being class based with Teachers invigilating.

Positive feedback regarding Maths teachers

Query: Cardross pupils bussed instead of using train.
PC has taken issue as far as feasible on behalf of parents, now it's down to parents to take forward with Elected Members.

Date of next meeting: AGM September 2018