



Hermitage Academy Parent Council
Monday, 21st Feb 2021
Zoom 7pm

Attending

| HAPC: | | Year Rep | |
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| Stella Kinloch | SK | S1 | X |
| Kathleen Daly | KD | S1 | X |
| Laura Watt | LW | S1 | A |
| Miles Stratton | MS | S2 | X |
| Andrew Tennant | AT | S2 | X |
| Angela Bakker | AB | S2 | X |
| Rob Taylor | RT | S3 | X |
| Philip Hartley | PH | S3 | A |
| Claire Walker | CW | S4 | X |
| Malcolm Pearson | MP | S5 | A |
| Nanette Clark | NC | S5 | X |
| Elizabeth Lambert | EL | S5 | X |
| Lisa Johnstone | KD | S6 | X |
| Donna Hicks | DH | S6 | A |
| Lucy Sage | LS | S&D rep | A |
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| Agenda Item | Actions/Notes |
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| Welcome AT | Welcomed everyone to the meeting |
| Minutes from meeting | agreed |
| Empowering Our Educators | SK |
| Parents are urged to watch the presentation and attend our upcoming open forum meeting in March to be able to ask questions about the proposal to the representative from the Argyll Education department. | Meeting March 8th 7pm Empowering Our Educators. Q&A session with Argyll Education Managers. Questions and comments can also be shared with the Parent Council via email haparentcouncil@gmail.com The deadline for submission to the consultation is 31 st March 2022 |
| Local Authority / Education Scotland review | |
| Good report was received from the review. Credit was given to all parties involved, Pupils, Teachers and Parents for their work and resilience during a difficult time to achieve this. | |
| SQA exams 2021/Support for students/ IT | |
| From 7 th March SQA will publish study guides and updated course information. Supported study is available at lunchtimes. Funding has been secured to support Easter Study week Mon 4 th to Thurs 7 th April. There will be a mix of in person and online sessions. | SQA Exams S4 S6 6 th Dec. S5 10 th Jan School is monitoring health and wellbeing helping pupils to manage their studies and guidance staff are also available. In school a study area will be made available during these dates for individual study. There will be study leave during the exams. |
| Tracking and monitoring easy guide for parents update | |
| A video has been uploaded to the Googledrive by Miss Stewart https://drive.google.com/file/d/109EZ_eo_IrV0hP7Xya | DM Parents will need to become familiar with the terminology that has been set by Argyll Education Dept. |

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| A9rH7vJ5S0PaOB/view | |
| Update on Prelims Merit System | |
| Promoting positive relationships – HA are looking at ways to make it clearer how merits are gained or lost. This will be reviewed by the Parent Council and Communication team before being issued. | DM all stakeholders(Pupils, parents and teachers) responded with similar views to the recent survey. HA is trying to create a shared approach to the way merits are awarded. To be in place for the new timetable in May. |
| The Good Lesson Cycle | |
| A recording of the presentation has been uploaded to Google Drive | https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HSmT2h--QjO9H7xBpnyyqTUjI7hA0w_6/view?fbclid=IwAR1sWtYu9D5KoS589DtW_2GLKLqzseqUJr-m5EhYgbZneQznterPvhR2lgM |
| School/Parent Communication /Google Guardian/ SIP /New website EL | |
| The website is now live and suggestions are welcome from parents on how to improve it. What information do they want available on the website? https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDy0Rwg8VxN2jI_1uPnvL2hSYXliU3-6ujLgzujLnt5cC5ng/viewform | HA have been working on a You Said/ We did response To communication how the school have answered various issues or questions that came out of the Spring review of the School Improvement place. These responses will be shared with parents/pupils over the coming weeks. |
| Pupil Support -parent group update | |
| A good point to note is that the transition information for current P7 was far more inclusive and informative than I've seen, with a good focus on pupil support info. As far as I'm aware, all still on course for work to begin to take place after Easter holidays for sensory room. Interesting point made by Louise Lawson in our last meeting with Stella where she stated that those children who attend the learning centres in Dunoon and Oban don't have access to education beyond NAT 3 level. This is quite an assumption that no child could achieve beyond this.. | DM has set a date to meet with Parklands with a view to sharing resources. The Local Authority have agreed to look at supporting any partnership working that we establish for individual young people. Mrs Harvey is setting up a working group for ASN and has had several volunteers from Parents. |
| Transition Plans | |
| With the change of mitigation guidance P7 can have the full transition experience in school. 9-10 June. Mr Docherty is working with all leavers S4/5/6 to ensure positive destinations for those leaving school. 7 th March is apprenticeship week posts will go out on Social media. Orders are being taken for leavers hoodies and yearbook and plans are being made for a prom. | There are two online information evenings for P7 parents. The PC and PTA will take part in the presentations. Mr Docherty is working on an apprentice hub to gather all the information together on the website to make it easier to access. Option choices are being discussed for those returning next year. |
| Celebrating achievements working group update | |
| Volunteers are being recruited for a working group and parents will be asked for their input. | This working group is due to meet after Easter |
| PTA | |
| Carboot Sale booked for Sat May 7 th Information will go out on the Hermitage Academy PTA Facebook page. https://www.facebook.com/groups/1056083984441661 | Relaunch of the 100 club coming soon. |

Next Meeting

Tuesday 8th MARCH 2022 7pm - Zoom