# Minute of Meeting of Monifieth High School Parent Carer Council Wednesday 8th November 7pm 2023 Monifieth High School, Library & Videocall

Attended: Andy Dingwall (Head Teacher), Cara Matthew (Deputy Head Teacher), Kerry Perry, Kathryn Foot (Chair), Hazel Orchiston, Ian Inglis, Jillian McLeod, Kirsty Forde (minute secretary). Apologies: Lisa Herbert, Daniel Seed, Deepa Manoj

Welcome	Action
Kathryn welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
Previous Minutes	
Reviewed	
<ul> <li>Currently no treasurer in post – Kathryn agreed to put a post on Facebook to see if any parents would be interested in the role.</li> </ul>	KF
<ul> <li>The Cash for Kids fundraising raised £9000 – well done to all involved. The £9000 was matched by Tay FM and put towards the fundraising for a new mini-bus for the high school.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>The website does not sync with the school calendar – Mr Dingwall advised they are trying to find a way around this. People should refer to the updates section of the website for up-coming events and notifications. Parent Council Facebook page to post a reminder to look at this part of the website.</li> </ul>	KF
<ul> <li>No further updates on Bikability and the use of the bikes available within the school.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>MHS digital plan going well and on track.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Kathryn Foot is now admin on Parent Council Facebook Page.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Friday youth group is going well – the young leaders have done the appropriate training.</li> </ul>	
Head Teacher Updates	
<ul> <li>Staffing – Cara Duncan has been appointed in the Maths department. Aaron Clark has been appointed in the Science department and will also be on the Barista team. Kevin</li> </ul>	
McGill will join the Computing department. Kelvin Walling has been appointed as the new pool assistant. There is a long term absence in the English department but it is being temporarily covered by Bruce Pandrich. Cecelia Fernandez is leaving her Modern Languages post and Margaret Ford will temporarily cover the post.	
<ul> <li>Cara Matthews advised they are hoping to set up a S1/2 Barista club.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Email communication sent out asking for people previously affiliated to MHS to get in touch to become members of the MHS Former Pupil Association – please circulate widely.</li> </ul>	All

- Feedback questionnaire to come out on imminently. This was last done two years ago and led on to focus groups aimed at actioning the survey outcomes. The survey will be live for two weeks.
- The New MHS build is progressing as hoped no delays at present.
- Updated new school plans were shown to parent council all agreed it looks great. Table and chair options shown to the parent council – pupils have been asked to vote on what they like best.
- Mr Dingwall asked the parent council to input into a survey that asks MHS what support it needs to support its parent council. All agreed that support with getting more parents involved would be the most helpful resource/training.

## Fundraising - lan Inglis

- Golf Day Ian advised that he had provisionally booked Ashludie Golf Course for the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024 for a day of fundraising. It will cost £500 to cover the tee times from 12.30pm 4pm but this will be covered by the cost of the ticket. Ian hopes that 72 golfers will play the 18 holes, then have dinner and a raffle. All agreed this sounded great and offered help where needed. Ian to confirm with Ashludie Golf Course and progress with planning of the day.
- Dobbies fundraising Ian said he had the contact details for the Dobbies manager. She had asked him if there was a brass/wind band or choir that would be interested in playing II/KP at upcoming Christmas evenings and they could raise money by packing bags or standing with buckets. Kerry Perry agreed to look into this.

#### Christmas Fair – Kerry Perry

- Date is 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 11am 2 pm
- 36 stall holders confirmed at a cost of £20 per table. All stall holders asked to donate a raffle prize.
- 12 tables held by the school which will likely include the following cake and candy/ wine and water/ tombola/ bottle stall/ raffle / throw a coin / hundred square / hot dogs, paninis, barista. Hazell Orchiston suggested a lucky dip box and a candy floss machine.
- Help needed from adults and pupils for the school stalls. Kathryn, Kirsty and Hazel offered to help. Kathryn asked if the Youth Group could help Kerry make any items needed for the stalls Kerry to get back to Kathryn.

#### Learning for Sustainability – Cara Matthew (DHT)

• This is a key priority for school this year. Please see attached slides for more information about this. Available on school website.

 Cara demonstrated the interactive Virtual Revision School section on the website. All agreed it looked great. Parent Council to share this on their Facebook Page once finished.

### AOCB

- Kathryn Foot highlighted an email from Angus Council that is asking for interest from *KF* parents or carers who want to get more involved with a focus group looking into having "The Chat" looking at conversations with young people about sexual health. Kathryn to share details of this with the parent council for anyone that is interested in getting involved with this.
- Discussion around if a QR code could be created to highlight the different volunteering roles within the school that parent/carers/family members could get involved with to support the school and its learners. For example paired reading or being extra adults to support with school trips. Mr Dingwall agreed to discuss this at the next staff inservice days and feedback teacher ideas.
- Discussion around if a QR code could be used for parents to find out more about the parent council and what its role is within the high school.
- A parent asked if events could be held on nights other than Thursdays. Mr Dingwall AD advised that they try to rotate the nights events are held on but will look into being more flexible with this.
- A parent asked why the seniors parents evening was online and not face to face as is the case for the younger learners. Mr Dingwall advised this was due to feedback received from the last feedback survey and resulting focus groups. They plan to review this after upcoming feedback survey results are collated. Note: when booking the appointments for the online parents evening you are given the opportunity to let the teacher know if there is anything you want to focus the discussion on.

Meeting finished at 20.20 pm. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 24th January 2024 at 7pm.