

## Minute of Meeting of Monifieth High School Parent Carer Council

Wednesday 13th June 7pm 2023

Monifieth High School, Library & Videocall

Attended: Andy Dingwall (Head Teacher), Lisa Herbert, Kerry Perry, Becky Whitfield, Kathryn Foot (Chair), Hazell Orchiston, Deepa Manoj, Daniel Seed, Kirsty Forde (minute secretary).

Apologies: Jillian McLeod

<b>Welcome</b> Kathryn welcomed everyone. Attendees introduced themselves.	Action
<b>Previous Minutes</b> Approved	
<b>Committee Roles</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Treasurer role remains vacant – Kathryn asked if people could ask anyone they know that might be interested in the role and let her know.</li><li>Hazel suggested sending an email out to all parents or placing an advert on the parent council section of the website – Kathryn to follow up.</li><li>The PayPal account is active but no bank account as yet.</li></ul>	All KF
<b>Fundraising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Kathryn has had contact with a parent who is interested in supporting Hazell in the fundraising co-ordination. Kathryn will link them up with her and the school.</li><li>Minibus and digital devices for all pupils are main fundraising priorities going forward.</li><li>Christmas fair is the next big event. Kerry will need support with this closer to the time.</li><li>Andy asked about Hazell's previous meeting with Leanne Wilson (cash4kids with pupils etc). Hazell said that nothing came from the discussions that they had with the pupils – Andy said Leanne has left her post.</li><li>Discussion around cash for kids fundraising being so close to the pupils returning from the summer break – possibly looking to fundraise for this out with that designated window going forward.</li><li>Kirsty asked how pupils can get involved with fundraising. Kerry explained that they are given a virtual assembly in form time that advertises the extra-curricular groups they can be part of – fundraising is one of these. Discussion around this and how many parents are unaware so can't encourage pupils. It was agreed that this would be emailed out to parents so they could support their young people with discussions around these opportunities at home.</li></ul>	KP/AD

## Head Teacher Update

Brief update on the post exam result analysis of attainment.

- On the whole the results achieved were as predicted, tracking throughout the year was on target and it was another positive year.
- It was noticed, however, that young people were taking fewer Highers than they have done in previous years.
- Focus on how to support young people to start more Highers or more Nat 5's (or whatever award is achievable for them) going forward.
- They would like young people to view 6<sup>th</sup> year more productively and achieve more within that final year e.g. support pupils in the younger years in their classes during one of their free periods.

## Staffing

- Leanne Wilson (Principal Teacher of Computing) has left post and will be missed. It is hoped her post will be filled soon but until then Jenny Wilson will be the Acting Principal Teacher of Computing with support from specialist IT teachers when needed.
- New biology teacher starting in post soon.

## Website

- MHS website has been updated – some glitches with syncing with the school calendar still need to be fixed.
- Feedback from parents and carers is welcomed.

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## Digital Plan

- S1 pupils now have a Chromebook and a locker to store it in. Feedback from some older pupils is that they would like a locker – Kerry said that there are still some available.
- Kerry has led on this digital plan and reported that it has all gone really well with all receiving the same training no matter ability.
- Still hope to be a fully digital school within 3 years.
- MHS first school in Angus to achieve Digital School Award.

## Communication

- Kathryn asked those in attendance if they would like to form a WhatsApp group to make communication and organisation of events easier. KF
- Discussion around the current Facebook page. Kathryn to follow up on this to see if admin can be transferred from current holder (Denise) to current committee. Hazell asked if a senior pupil could be admin as well – this might work well. Discussion had about setting up a new page if admin rights cannot be transferred. KF
- Discussion about emails from school “stacking” in parents' email inbox and resulting in

<p>missed information. Kerry and Andy agreed that the 'digital school bag' could be put up on the website as a place for all communications from the school to be held centrally so that they can be easily found by parents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class charts software is currently being set-up within the school before being rolled out to parents.</li> </ul>	<p>KP/AD</p>
<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kathryn has made contact with 6 out of 7 of the feeder schools parent councils. Seaview Primary want to share that they approached a local club and have had MHS pupils (three S3's and one S5) create and support a glee club to run at Seaview on Friday afternoons. This has been very positive and they would like the MHS pupils to be recognised for their involvement. Kerry agreed to look into MHS recognising this achievement.</li> <li>• The Youth Cafe held in Monifieth Parish Church on Friday afternoons has now been rebranded as the Youth Club and will be led by S5 &amp; S6 pupils from MHS with the support from Vibrant Communities youth work team. The pupils involved in the leadership will receive appropriate training. Active School's Craig Nicoll will work alongside the Youth Club team to hopefully provide more physical activities at the school for those who would like that before they head over to the Youth Club for food/drink/other activities. Kathryn will send names to Kerry of those pupils involved so they get recognition too.</li> <li>• Youth Club is held at Monifieth Parish Church on the high street, 1.30pm – 3.30pm every Friday Afternoon.</li> <li>• Kerry asked if S6 could possibly receive Bikeability training to make use of the bikes that are available – Kathryn to follow up with Vibrant Communities and Active schools.</li> </ul>	<p>KF/KP</p> <p>KF</p>

Meeting finished at 8.15pm.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.**