

Monifieth High School Parent Council

AGM

Wednesday 7th June 2023, 7pm

Monifieth High School, Library

Attended: Andy Dingwall (Head Teacher), Nicky Stewart (Chair), Kathryn Foot (Vice Chair), Hazel Orchiston, Jillian Macleod, Kirsty Forde (minute secretary)

Apologies: Kerry Perry, Lisa Herbert

Welcome

Nicky Stewart (Chair) welcomes everyone to the meeting. No AGM minutes from last year to review due to the newly formed Parent Council having a soft start.

Fundraising Report

- Hazel Orchiston reported that she had attended a good meeting with Mrs Perry and pupils but was unaware of what had been achieved further to that.
- Nicky highlighted that the Christmas fair raised approximately £1500 and was very successful.
- PCC agreed that it would like to be more involved with the school team and their fundraising next academic year.
- Hazel reported that she had opened a PayPal account and had passed the details to Sunny (Treasurer) but no further information on where that process was in being set up for use by the PCC. Kathryn agreed to contact Sunny for an update. Nicky to send contacts and information to Kathryn.

Chair Report

Nicky Stewart (Chair) gave her report on behalf of the parent council for the 2022/23 academic year (see attached)

Treasurer Report

No bank account so no PCC treasurer report delivered for 2022/23 academic year.

Head Teacher Report for the 2022/23 academic year

- Year has gone well with good embedding of the MHS vision and values with both pupils and staff.
- Good progress with the strategic plan made for 2022-25 with progress in each of the key areas. For example: more subjects on offer to the pupils and attainment levels remain high.
- Further work needed to stretch pupils in 6th year to achieve what they are capable of and prepare them for higher education or other academic goals post high school.
- Relationships have been viewed as a priority. "The Monifieth Way" has been refreshed. Observations done of classrooms during teaching periods were very positive.

- Wellbeing has also been seen as a priority. There was a refresh done of bullying policy to make how it is dealt with at MHS more transparent. There has been trauma informed practise training delivered to staff members. Miss Herbert has done a lot of work around equity and inclusion.
- New S1's will all get Chromebooks at the start of the 23/24 academic year and the digital plan will be rolled out throughout the school as planned. New website has gone live and will provide a good platform for information sharing going forward. Class Chart software has been purchased as communication tool between teacher/pupils/parents and carers, information will follow when it is ready to be rolled out.
- Mr Dingwall thanked Kerry Perry and Lisa Herbert for their successful work in their acting DHT roles over the past year and gave updates on new staff and staff returning to previous roles from acting roles.
- Hopes that the Parent Council will continue to grow in strength with more parents coming along. MHS would be grateful of future fundraising efforts to support the purchase of a minibus.
- A Former Pupil Association/Friends of MHS is a future possibility that Mr Dingwall is looking into.
- Mr Dingwall spoke of the recent loss of Mr Sleigh - a very valued member of the teaching staff. It has been deeply felt by both staff and pupils. There are plans to commemorate his passing and years of dedicated teaching with events that were important to him such as a 10k run. Details to follow.

Matters Arising

Hayward Review

Kathryn reported that she had attended the online consultations meetings for the Hayward review. This is a work in progress that could take ten years to develop and introduce. The SQA is under review and this will support developing how ALL children work toward their achievements and how they are assessed. One size does not fit all and assessment needs to be adaptable to reflect needs and strengths. This is ongoing and Kathryn will continue to feedback from meetings she attends over the 23/24 academic year.

School Trips

Kathryn was approached by some parents enquiring if there were any more school trips being planned for later year groups (S4 and above). It was raised that they have missed out on these opportunities due to COVID-19 and time out of school and so far most trip offers have been directed at juniors. Mr Dingwall reported that while there are curriculum related trips planned within the various departments there are no future trips planned due to current travel costs being high. Mr Dingwall agreed to ask staff again if they would like to plan a trip due to there being a demand amongst the pupils and their parents/carers.

New office bearers for 2023/24 academic year.

The following were duly elected:

Chair: Kathryn Foot - nominated by Nicky Stewart, seconded by Kirsty Forde.

Vice Chair: None elected.

Secretary: Kirsty Forde – nominated by Kathryn Foot, seconded by Hazel Orchisoton

Treasurer: None elected. Kathryn Foot to contact Sunny.

Fundraising: None elected

Events Co-ordinator: Hazel Orchiston - nominated by Kathryn Foot, seconded by Nicky Stewart.

Andy Dingwall invites Kathryn to attend the P.7 BBQ 14/6/23 to promote the Parent Council and encourage new members to sign up.

Meeting finished at 8.20pm.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 30th August at 7pm