Minutes of Parent Council

Johnstone High School

8th June 2021

(Meeting held via Zoom)

# ****Welcome and Introductions****

## Attendees

### ****Parents****:

Jean McFarlane (JMcF), Diane Spence, Gillian Williams, Karen Walker, Tracy Scott, Karen Harron, Alain Dempster, Jacqueline Tavendale, Christine Kearney, Sarah Johnstone, Mhairi Blair, Nicki Docherty, Jean Wilson, Diane Skelton

### ****Staff**:**

Lynne Hollywood (LH), Ainsley Brown (AB), Gordon Menzies, Graeme Munro.

## ****Apologies****

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# Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st March were reviewed and approved.

# PC Chair Annual Report

* Copy of report attached (appendix 1).
* Challenging Year for Staff, Students and Parents
* Thanks to staff for their dedication throughout the COVID-19 restrictions

# Treasury Update

* Transfer of PC bank account underway
* Karen Harron – new treasure
* Jean McFarlane, Karen Walker – signatories
* Balance - £5068.11
* Cheque to cover S6 leavers lunch will be raised. Diane Spence and Gillian Williams will sign as transfer of authority not yet complete

# Office Bearers & new membership

* PC welcome Joana Byrne, Joanne Marshall and Allison Armstrong as new members of the Parent Council
* Secretary Role remains vacant

# HT Report

* Weekly updates are posted on the JHS website and the link sent to parents via text message

# Timetable

* New timetable will start on Monday 15th June
* There has been an increased uptake of the Religious Education Higher and in Travel and Tourism
* Continuing to grow and diversify the curriculum offered
* The Advanced Higher course offered in school will start in conjunction with the new timetable, however for subjects offered by consortia schools the AH will not begin until August

# Graduation & Awards Ceremony

* The junior and senior awards ceremonies will take place as virtual events this year. Parents will be sent details of how to access these.
* Graduation will go ahead for 6th year leavers. This will be broadcast via MS teams and links will be sent to parents to allow them to watch the ceremony
* PC have agreed to fund a lunch for the 6th year following the Graduation ceremony

# Staffing

* Lynne Hollywood updated PC members re several staff changes that were taking place.

# Primary Transition

* Unfortunately it will not be possible to host the transitioning P7 classes within the school building this year. Outdoor activities and live video sessions have been planned to try and introduce the P7s to the school. The ‘outdoor visits’ will be limited to one primary school per session.
* There are approximately 150 new 1st years beginning at JHS next session

# SQA

* The Alternative Certificate Model, replacing the SQA exam system this year, requires candidates to demonstrate attainment of knowledge / skills
* Most assessment tasks have been completed by pupils although there are still some ongoing
* Grades will be awarded based on these assessments. Marking standards and grade attainment will be validated within the school and by a second school from within the Authority
* Candidates will be notified of their grades during the last week of term. The grades awarded will not be modified by SQA.

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING– Mon 7th September 2021**

# Actions

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