

Minutes of the Tynecastle Parent & Carer Council Meeting

Monday 31st August, 7.30pm

Attendees:	Gareth, Elaine, Hazel, Moira, Hisham, Christine, Craig, Ishaan, Alistair, Alison, Kelly, Sharon, Hussin, Aluna-Rose, Caroline, Carrie, Alexander, MB, Nuala, Banjai, Sheona, Mark, Dharshi, Jacqui, Tooba, Nicola, Sanam, Adele, Lorraine, Gaston, Aileen, Sophia, Grant, Cammy, Esther, Priscilla
Apologies:	CLlr Graczyk

<p>1. Introduction, quorum, apologies and approval of minutes</p>	<p>Gareth welcomed everyone. The meeting was quorate.</p> <p>ACTION: 20190429 Hazel to investigate analysis on email engagement</p> <p>ACTION: 20190429 Look at opening bar selling soft drinks during period before Spring Fling next year</p> <p>ACTION: 20190429 AGM discussion topic around strategic fundraising goals due to negligible funds</p> <p>ACTION: 20190429 Elaine and Moira to create easyfundraising promotion pack for a future meeting</p> <p>ACTION: 20190930 Hazel to bring progress visit report once available</p> <p>ACTION: 20191118 IM to send fundraising committee contact details of social media contact for future sponsorship requests</p> <p>ACTION: 20191118 HK to consider if any significant costs involved for 10th anniversary celebration</p> <p>ACTION20200224: IM to pass on contact details to Andy</p> <p>ACTION20200224: Funding position to be reviewed at future meetings</p> <p>ACTION20200224: contact Miss Patterson and Miss Pugh for further details</p> <p>ACTION20200224: EL to issue another request for volunteers to join</p> <p>ACTION20200224: EL to respond to Sumdog applicant to explain decision</p> <p>ACTION20200224: IM and EL to use social media to promote</p>
<p>2. Guest presentation: Moira MacKirdy on Parent & Carer Council</p>	<p>Moira talked through the role of the parent council and the work that we do. She highlighted the work of the parent council in 2019-20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burns Night, 25 January 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> —Raised £210 for School activities —Musical performances, poetry and humour —Ceilidh band —Snacks, drinks & raffle! • Race Night, BMC Club, 15 November 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> —Raised £600 for School activities • £1900 grant Music for All • £5000 grant Mundfulness • £2500 grant diaries for students • £182 bucket fundraising • £284 easyfundraising shopping <p>Much of our fundraising went to support Place2Be, Tynecastle's counselling service for students. Occasional funding: Staff submit requests for extra equipment/activities to P&CC. This year we supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trophies for sports achievement

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arranged lego for Lego Club • School of basketball tshirts • STEM group Ozbot • Carnegie Award <p>Moira also talked about the vacancies for Treasurer, Social Media Engagement Officer, and Fundraising Chair. Nuala and Grant both volunteered for Social Media, and Hisham volunteered as Treasurer.</p> <p>ACTION20200831: Nuala, Grant and Hisham to pass on contact details to PCC to arrange handover and training for roles. ACITON20200831: PCC Officers to arrange handover and training for new officers.</p>
<p>3. Head Teacher’s Report: Hazel Kinnear</p>	<p>Staffing: Hazel confirmed that the letter sent out was up to date with staffing changes, other the fact that Angela Bell is reducing to 3 days from September, and Laura Barnet will be taking on the other 1.5 days. Kirsty West will be Acting Curriculum Leader on Thursdays. Mrs Ronnie Chung is due to retire at the end of October.</p> <p>Students are settling in well, and Hazel thanked parents and carers for their support regarding face covering. Thanks were also given to Edinburgh Mask Makers who provided a donation of masks as well. Hazel is looking for outside space suggestions to help shelter students during lunchtime.</p> <p>The school are staggering the start and end of the day to help with congestion. The one way system is working well. The school have introduced a two week timetable of mainly double periods to minimise movement around the school, however they will amend the curriculum if needed.</p> <p>Regarding practical subjects, she expects to hear an update on PE indoors next week, however at present it will remain outdoors until advice changes. Changing rooms remain closed, so pupils must come to school in PE kit on those days. Food technology is unable to cook at present as well.</p> <p>Hazel highlighted the importance of reporting any illness with symptoms of cough, fever, loss of sense of taste or smell. Parents and carers should let the school know immediately if their child develops any of these.</p> <p>S3 ipads launch can’t be held in person, but the school plan to hold it digitally. The school are also looking at CEC guidance to see if they can fund S1 and S2 ipads. The school is in a strong position on digital learning using teams and blended learning.</p> <p>Earlier tonight was the S1 end of transition meeting via teams. In October, Hazel will bring a summary of attainment to the PCC meeting to discuss once it is available.</p> <p>She also commented at how wonderful it was to see so many parents attending the PCC meeting digitally.</p> <p>ACTION20200831: Hazel to bring attainment report to future PCC meeting.</p>
<p>4. Question and Answer Session</p>	<p>1. Will class presentations be sent via email? A: S3s should get their ipads today or tomorrow and then they will be using teams for each subject.</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Are parents and carers going to get a lockdown progress report? A: There are 5 tracking reports each year, and the lockdown/return to school reports will be issued shortly. S4-6 will be next Friday, S1-3 will be mid September and the dates will be posted on the website. 3. Query around ventilation plans for the school? A: Keeping doors and windows open is part of the recommended mitigations plan for the school. 4. What happens with work missed due to COVID related absences including quarantine and self isolating? A: The school are encouraging teachers to use teams for each class, particularly with presentations etc so all students can see it regardless of whether they're at home or in school. In Edinburgh, an additional teacher has been supplied by CEC, who will focus on literacy, numeracy and health & wellbeing to close the gap. There is a potential that they will also support teams. 5. Will video classes be launched at Tynecastle? A: There is currently a pilot across selected schools in Edinburgh, Tynecastle is not part of this pilot. 6. Cochlear implants: will staff be wearing clear masks? A: The school have ordered clear masks for staff but they have not arrived yet. Pupils have a choice of wearing a clear or patterned mask. 7. When do clubs return? A: Clubs will return as soon as government advice supports this. At present there is a safe place in pupil support that is running. 8. HPV jags: for those that missed out due to lockdown, will they be rescheduled? A: Those affected should speak to their GP. 9. What are PE plans for colder weather? A: Government guidelines are expected over the coming weeks. 10. What is being done about students dropping litter outside school? A: Teacher presence is currently outside school at start and end of day and will keep an eye out. 11. Video lessons in case of future lockdowns? A: There is ongoing work at CEC level. It's a fast moving picture but there is further support available.
5. Funding Forms	There were no funding forms to review.
6. A.O.B.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Using university students to support home learning and closing the gap was suggested. Sophia to investigate. 2. PCC Funding: couple of grants available from Edinburgh University – suggestions welcome. <p>Date of next meeting: Monday 28th September 6.30pm via teams – this will be the AGM.</p>