



DUMFRIES HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting held 20th March 2024

In Attendance: JByrne/LFoss/JJowett/LMann/AFritz-Hewer/PCubbon/LLoughran/TBeattie
 LFitzpatrick/

Apologies – Councillor Johnstone, G Chalmers, J Mesnikoff

Minutes:S Cowan

		ACTION
1	Welcome to the meeting	
	JB welcomed everyone to the meeting. Previous minutes were approved.	
2	DLT	
	LF advised that the works taking place at the front of the school are enabling works and should be coming to an end soon. The Council have approved the 11 million budget required for the increased costs of the project which is fantastic news. The works due to start at the back of the school have been pushed and will now take place in mid April. The publicity around the works starting will be done in partnership with the Council Comms Team and Education Minister will come to join the publicity also. PC keen that this message is shared as wide as possible. Discussed the overall timings of the project and looking at a Feb 2026 completion. Discussed a possible move during Easter 2026. LF confirmed we can let staff in school know that the timeline has shifted.	
3	HT UPDATE	
	PC advised that Lauren Wilson has now been appointed PTC English and Modern Languages on a permanent basis. Parents' Evening Surveys were issued to parents and staff re timings of reports and parents' evenings. Easter School taking place both weeks of the Easter holidays. Groupcalls will be sent the night before and the day of to parents. PC has met with all Principal Teachers Curriculum to discuss Team Improvement Plans and how they fit into the overall School Improvement Plan. We had a recent authority visit which was well received and good feedback. PC attended the Vision School Scottish Awards recently in Edinburgh where DHS were presented with an award. Berlin trip taking place Dec 2024. AFH asked about the traveling and why this was via plane and not bus as other trips were. PC acknowledged the issues with flights last year however this year it's a direct flight which should reduce the travelling time significantly. Paris trip taking place in May 2024 Options interviews have been taking place. We are really keen to get as many parents in to meet as possible as this allows those strong relationships to be formed and maintained however PC keen to hear from parents about whether they value this opportunity. LM asked about the languages options and confirmation that languages is compulsory. PC confirmed this was the case for DHS pupils. L&T surveys will be issued to parents after Easter. Noted the changes that need to be made for next time with regards options of questions and how this impacts on responses.	
4	Treasurer's Report	
	Parent & Friends Account – No expenditure or income – balance £3,600 approx Parent Council Account – two payments to Sarah Cowan for minutes – balance £276.41 JB asked if we had received any council monies which we have not. JB to follow this up. JB advised we do have monies available and asked PC if any PTCs would be interested in attending to bid for any monies. PC will take this to the next PTC meeting after the holidays. Pupil Council are also currently raising monies for outdoor benches so they may also welcome some input.	JB PC

	PC advised the recent non-uniform days have raised monies to purchase a defibrillator and we are currently trying to source the best ones with a maintenance agreement also. LF advised that there are disposable defibrillators available at approx. £250 which have no ongoing costs. PC will contact Rodger Hill to find out more.	PC
5	Foundation Scotland	
	JB advised she had been working with Lizzie Smithard to apply for some funding on behalf of the Parent Council for pupils going to Berlin. The outcome of this will be after Friday 22 nd March. There may be the need for some contribution from parent council also if successful. JB will keep all updated.	JB
6	AOCB	
	PC advised that Claire Bartsch is leaving on 11 th April so we will not have the same level of support for the Xmas Fayre this year. Agreed we would go with 14 th November as the date for the Fayre this year. SC to speak to Claire to send out her emails to vendors to get people booked in before she goes.	SC
	<i>Date of next meeting – 7th May at 6pm</i>	