

UHS Parent Council Meeting 04.11.25

Present: Heather Smith, Tim Loftus, Lee Coutts, Geraldine Murray, Joanne Stewart, Katrina Geissel, Andrew Inglis.
Andrew Hayton (via teams)

Apologies:

Mairead Bush, Lizzie Williams, Boyd Hagart Alexander, Elaine Macaskill

Meetings of last pc meeting approved- proposed NL, seconded TL

School bus issues continue

Treasurer's report:

Since last meeting

Rag bag £55.20

Balance £1392.54

Signatories: ask Boyd Hagart-Alexander in lieu of Sian Curley

Request from Dr Coutts- event supporting parents re study skills £99, £100-150 pounds for Christmas Dance event - approved funding for study skills, £100 for Xmas event

Update from Headteacher:

Xmas Dance proposed for 17th December (Wednesday), school buses available

AH will see if Tesco can support Xmas event with snacks etc- offer of parent £50 from AH

Study skills support all year groups planned on 10th- offer of parent support session in pm, cost £99, open to all parents, need to check re times/numbers

Maths staffing- principal teacher appointed, starting end November. 2nd position as yet infilled, interview planned tomorrow.

Upcoming events:

STEM event for S3/S4

Annual Careers event - approx 17 businesses signed up

Activities for children in need- Bake sale, Games etc.

School Xmas lunch 10th December

Timetable of events for last 2 days of term planned- whole school talent show, movies and pizza etc

Prelim timetables- request for senior phase prelims before Xmas- as per languages dept preference, felt to be better for their pupils, will be reviewed

S2/S3 reports due shortly

S4/5 parents evening due soon

Raised with Dr Coutts re emailing parents- can both sets of parents be kept informed

Update from Jo Stewart re attainment:

Data from Insight

Literacy strong across year groups

Numeracy generally strong-

Looking at how to improve figures further

Tariff points : every qualification achieved linked to points: above average for

Highland/Scotland, only one year group slightly lower

Dr Coutts- focus on challenging pupils more this year, hoping this results in further improvements in attainment

Positive Leavers Destinations: in line with virtual comparators

Trend of employment as higher percentage vs College/Uni more leaving in S4/5-

reviewing curriculum as a result, considering factors for this and watching trend.

Aware where some challenges exist and looking to address these

Wed 11th March - subject choices meeting for new S4,5,6 children and parents

Andrew H: highlighted option to apply for funding from Stronger Starts at Tesco- applications accepted all year round, only one at a time per applicant- Heather Smith to pursue this on behalf of Parent council

Acknowledged efforts of school in recruiting principal maths teacher and contributions of teachers esp. Mr Murray in maintaining continuity of maths education.

Note timetabling changes likely with new Maths teaching provision, updates will follow from school. Some classes will still not have direct F2F maths teaching.

Next meeting:

Wednesday 21st January 17.30