

Glen Urquhart High School

Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 15th June 2022, 7pm

Present: Joan Nelson	JN	Head Teacher
Alan Hood	AH	Chairperson
Jill Hodge	JH	Treasurer
Karen Simpson	KS	Secretary
Debbie MacKinnon	DM	
Amanda Graham	AG	
Lorraine Young	LY	
Ashleigh Woodhouse	AW	

Apologies: Suzanna Edwards

Amanda Luscombe-Smith

Katie Ashton

Wendy Urwin

1. Welcome and Apologies

AH welcomed those present to the meeting, apologies noted.

2. Approval of Minutes held on 27/04/2022

Approved by JH and seconded by LY

3. Matters Arising

(3)-5.2 AH completed Soirbheas report.

(6) Pupils may enter the school from 08:15-08:40 to designated canteen area, no wandering through the school. 6th years have common room. Progressed to discussion re breakfast club and how other schools achieved this.

(8) Dress code, current one revised and improved, will be reviewed the next school year. Hanger with school clothes surplus to requirements, available for all. Parents to be advised of this availability.

(11)-1 Transport arrangements in place post Summer Dance.

(11)-2 SE will attend the next GURCA meeting.

(11)-3 Senior Prefects will be asked to rotate and be the youth voice at the GURKA meetings.

4. Correspondence

HPCP 13/05/2022 A number of schools noted to be having issues with pupils/teacher ratio's.

5. Treasurer's Report

GUHS – Parent Council

Treasurer Update 27th April 2022

Opening balance (January 2022) £3070.56

Receipts

Seniors Fundraising £131.45

Inverness Half Marathon Donation £25.00

Payments Made

TO Lidl (KS) – Eggs for School Easter Egg Run £83.58

Payments Due

Less monies being held from 2020 leavers fundraising £771.29

Less monies being held for 2022 leavers from current fundraising £395.90

Less monies due for Benches for school £490.00

Account balance available to Parent Council £1486.24

10th May 2022

Corrections to the above report needed as follows:

Etape Loch Ness donation from last October which was recorded on the treasurer's report as £320, but only £230 went into the bank account.

In January the amount banked for the leavers fundraising was £261.95 (not £264.45 recorded on the treasurer's report).

In April the amount banked for the leavers fundraising was £132.45 (not £131.45 recorded above).

Plus we received the Highland Council Parent Council Grant in March of £235.96.

Please see corrected report as follows:

GUHS – Parent Council

Treasurer Update 27th April 2022 Corrected 10/05/22

Opening balance (January 2022) £2978.06

Receipts

Seniors Fundraising April £132.45

Inverness Half Marathon Donation £25.00

Highland Council Parent Council Grant £235.96

Payments Made

TO Lidl (KS) – Eggs for School Easter Egg Run £83.58

Payments Due

Less monies being held from 2020 leavers fundraising £771.29

Less monies being held for 2022 leavers from current fundraising £394.40

Less monies due for Benches for school £490.00

Account balance available to Parent Council £1632.20

GUHS – Parent Council

Treasurer Update 15th June 2022

Opening balance (April 2022) £3287.89

Receipts

Etape Donation May £200.00

Payments Made

None

Payments Due

Less monies being held from 2020 leavers fundraising £771.29

Less monies being held for 2022 leavers from current fundraising £394.40

Less monies due for Benches for school £490.00

Account balance available to Parent Council £1832.20

Jill continues to have issues with the online bank account which the bank has not ratified, to allow her proper use of it.

6. Head Teacher's Report

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The new timetable started at the end of May with very few course changes. Most pupils are motivated and eager to start new courses. The standard of school dress has improved significantly and we are setting up a recycling service, some pupils have been glad to use this already. Leaver's day was enjoyed by S6 leavers and staff alike with cake, coffee, and fond farewells. Sports day involved most of the school and despite the rain everything was completed in good spirits. The p7 transition is well under way and we are looking forwards to them all visiting us the week of 21st June. A school concert is planned for Tuesday 27th of June swiftly followed by the closing ceremony on the 29th of June and we encourage parents to attend if they can. School dance tickets are on sale and pupils are looking forward to attending.

Before the end of term, we plan to have prefects in post, the applications have started and pupils are enthusiastic about taking on roles, interviews will be next week. We hope to strengthen community links by asking senior prefects to be youth representatives at the Community council.

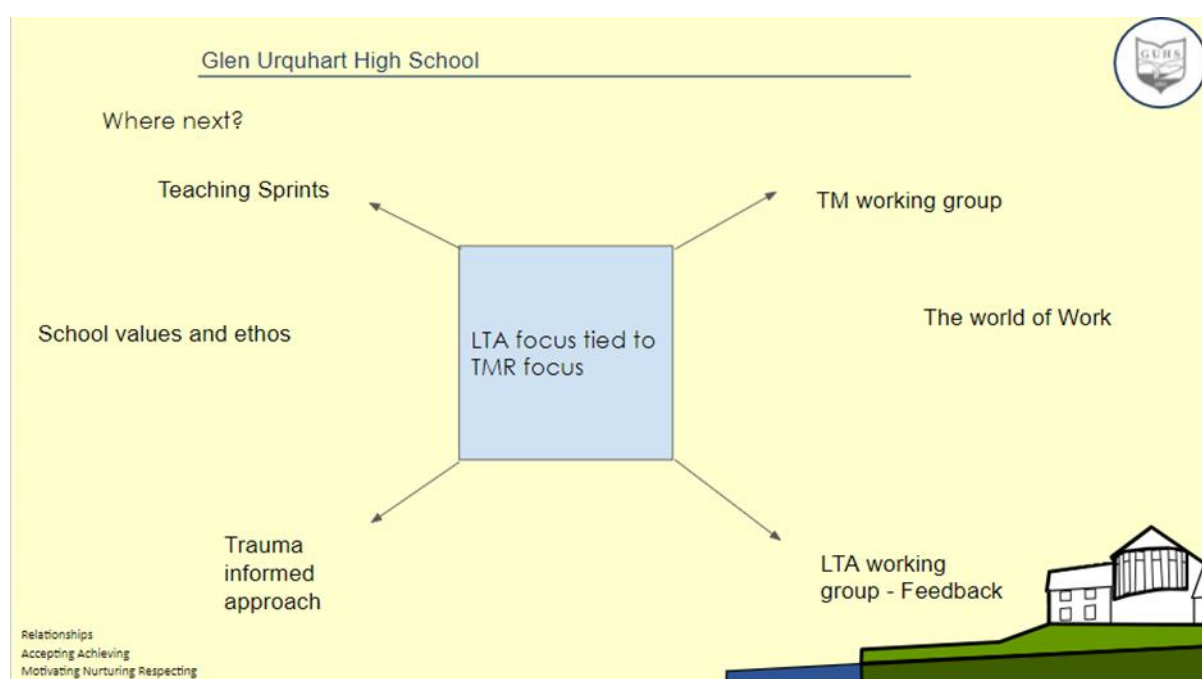
School improvements

Our draft school improvement summary is below. Our focus is improving Learning and teaching following our inspection report rating as Good and changes to the way we teach being driven by technology/chrome books. This focus on L and T is supported by changes in the way we track learning. Iain Fulton will lead a working group to use current evidence based good practice in feeding back to pupils about their learning. This will be much broader than simply looking at how we mark or discuss pupils work, it will be about pupils and parent gaining a depth of understanding about what needs to be learned and how much progress has been made and how to make the next step. I will lead a whole school evidence-based review of how each faculty is making small but significant changes to the way they teach. This is using a system called 'Teaching Sprints' teachingsprints.com/. A working group led by Lynne Angus is working with teachers to ensure teachers are robustly tracking pupils to show what they can do. Work is continuing to fully develop the School values and aims and embed the world of work into classroom teaching and whole school activities. Lastly

following the pandemic and other tragic events that our young people have been exposed to we have agreed to become a 'trauma informed school'. This means staff will all be trained in new supportive approaches and the Pupils Support Team will have enhanced training to make them Trauma Informed champions.

Staff

We have a new PE teacher to replace Rosemary Woodhouse in August. This is a probationer post. Also, in August we have a new Business Studies teacher starting to cover Rachel Weirs career break. John Naples Campbell has a continuing absent from school through ill health. We have split his remit between me and our FPT group, mainly David Humphris, Iain Fulton and Lynne Angus. I am looking to Highland Council for a more permanent solution if he is unable to return in soon. We have a drama teacher currently willing to cover classes in August if required and the school show is being taken forward by Amanda Luscombe and the creative and Aesthetics faculty.



7. School Improvement Plan

Developing the Young Workforce(DYW), as discussed with Ashleigh Woodhouse. 7 year plan, instigated by Sir Ian Wood/Scottish Government. Aims to do, what the title says. Scottish government want each school to have a co-ordinator who had employment experience, AH for GUHS – forestry/apprenticeships. DYW interested in how parents can help develop this role. AH to advertise via FB, perhaps form a sub group. Broad range of sectors ideal. Suggestion made to use some young folk ie ex-pupils.

8. Staffing

PE to gain a new probationer.

Business Studies, Miss Weir having a 2 year career break. Currently got a lady in post for one year, can only be advertised annually.

Depute Head Teacher, John Naples Campbell, off for a month and will not return before end of term, due to ill health. Job responsibilities taken on by faculty heads at present. Survey that JNC was collating, re parent afternoon sessions being in person/online will take longer to publish.

9. Summer/Leaver's Dance

AG, once again had done a sterling job guiding the Leaver's towards organising this event.

Medals paid for. Meal payment discussed and solution found, for separate pupils/staff.

13:15-15:00 Leavers Ceremony at the church

Photo session, photographer organised.

Photo's sent to a private FB page.

Meal at Loch Ness Inn followed by Dance 19:30 at school.

PC providing intermission food and drink for adults present.(about 15).

10. AOB

1. PGL holiday provider no longer offering school trips to Europe. David Humphries managed to secure another provider so the school trip will now be to the Costa Brava instead of France.
2. Invite Local Councillor to the next meeting in September to try and preempt the transport issues concerning roads/buses over the winter period.