

Hazlehead Academy Parent Council
AGM 17/05/17
Chairman's Report

Introduction

During the school year 2016/17 the Parent Council has once again continued to build on the good work of previous years. This report is part of the remit to keep parents informed of our activities.

The overall objective of the Parent Council is to work in partnership with the school by encouraging parental involvement and we have once again been fortunate to have a group of enthusiastic parents (including several new faces this year – Amongst both the Parents and the Staff) who have supported the school by attending meetings and contributing ideas and opinions on how the Parent Council can be of help to the school. I believe that the combination of Staff, Pupil, Parent and Council representation ensures that a breadth of suggestions are brought together for the benefit of the school. I have noticed that the meetings this year have been longer indicating the interest that the parent council has in issues affecting the school.

Parent Council Meetings 2016/17

We have had a number of discussions and presentations over the past year and have also taken up issues affecting the school. These have included;

- Pupil attainment levels where improvements in many areas have taken place (National 5 Chemistry, Graphic Communication, History and Modern Languages as well as Higher English, Music and PE were highlighted). Improvement plans have been identified for all subjects.
- An issue which has been an ongoing topic of discussion has been the closure of the swimming pool. It now looks unlikely that it will reopen again but at least there is some movement in improving the appearance.
- We discussed the effects of the city campus on the school and the pupils and the need for evaluation.
- Parent Council representatives met the Education Scotland inspector on his visit.
- The success in winning the Children and Young People's Award for developing the workforce.
- The extensive extra-curricular activities of the school / pupils
- Involvement with rights respecting schools
- How the school uses prelim exams and potential changes moving forward.
- We also agreed to contribute £600 towards new books for the library.

Conclusion

I would like to express thanks to Mr Purdie and all the staff for their dedication to improving both the school in general and pupil attainment in particular. The continuing diversification within the curriculum and taking up of every opportunity to improve is heartening to see as a parent.

Thanks also to the Local Councillors and Senior Pupils who have attended and contributed to our meetings. Thanks of course go to Jen for her vital contribution in keeping the Parent Council operating so well also good luck with your new addition and thanks for agreeing to continue to attend the Parent Council meetings during your maternity leave.

I would also like to thank the other parents for their contributions and the help they have given me to make my role relatively easy. It has been good to see some new faces again this year. I would like to thank Suzanne Fairhurst for all of the work she has done on the Parent Council as she is now stepping down. As a wish for next year – It would be good to see the signatories on the bank account officially sorted out before I have to leave.

Craig Porter
10/05/17