

# Rutherglen High

## Parent Council Minutes

5 October 2023, 9:30am

Next Meeting - 9 November 2023, Rutherglen High School, 9:30am

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Present	Apologies
Jan Allen - Head Teacher	Miriam Gwynne
Heather Haggerty - Principal Teacher	Carmel Ann Young
Ritchie Young - Chair	John Sanderson
Lynne Penny - Treasurer	Guto Williams
Karen Lee Whyte - Secretary	Robert Brown
Laura Collins	
Rebecca McFarlane	

### Minutes:

#### AGM

- The following positions were proposed and confirmed:  
Chairperson - Richard Young  
Treasurer - Lynne Perry  
Secretary - Karen Lee Whyte
- Ritchie signed the South Lanarkshire Council Parent Council Membership form
- Lynne presented the annual accounts (see attached)

#### New Member

- S1 parent Laura Collins is a welcome addition to the PC

#### School Updates - Jan (J) / Heather (H)

- A Home Economics teacher to replace Christine Kettlehurst has been appointed and will start in November (J)
- 2 new support staff have started. Positions for 2 more have been advertised (J)
- 3 applicants for the Home Economics post are being interviewed (J)
- Firpark High School is hosting the Senior Prom in Spring 2024. Costs will be higher because a more formal venue will be booked (J)
- A Mindfulness Coach, Anne Currie, has been working with the students with positive feedback. Music therapy has also proved popular and successful (J). Lynne suggests that therapies should be advertised more to parents.
- Counselling is now bought in as needed instead of being offered weekly as there was not much demand for regular sessions (J)

- 5 parents responded to the Google Form about personalised gifts and marked Christmas cards and tea towels as their preference (H)
- Flyers advertising the PC are being given out to parents at various school events (H)

### Relationships Policy - Rebecca McFarlane

- Rebecca presented the school's new Relationship Policy (see attached) which will give staff and parents a framework of how to understand and manage distressed behaviour.
- The policy has been developed in line with South Lanarkshire Council's guidance
- Ritchie suggested that including examples of how the interventions worked in real life would be helpful in encouraging parents to try some of the approaches

### Family Fun Night

- Scheduled for Friday, 10 November
- Entry price to be kept at £5
- Raffle items to come out of leftovers from Landemar Day

### Actions:

	Owner	Description	Completed
Action	Jan	Book let for Family Night on Friday 10 November	Ongoing
Action	Jan	Confirm order for football goals with Elaine	Ongoing
Action	Jan	Send in the South Lanarkshire Council membership form	
Action	Jan/Ritchie	Look for copy of the PC Constitution	Ongoing
Action	Heather	Resend Google Form for personalised merchandise	Ongoing
Action	Heather	Pass on PC accounts to contact who will check and sign them off	Ongoing
Action	Heather	Give out PC flyer to parents	Ongoing
Action	Lynne	Distribute letter to local business asking for donations for Family Night	Ongoing
Action	Karen	Ask Tunnocks for donation for Family Night	Ongoing
Action	Karen	Set up shared Google drive for PC documents	Ongoing
Action	Karen	Send Heather information on personalised gifts	Ongoing
Action	Ritchie	Consider Charity status with Lynne and Karen	Ongoing
Action	Ritchie	Send email login and password to PC members	Ongoing
Action	Ritchie, Lynne, Karen	Figure out what's needed for Family Night	Ongoing

