

Minutes – Pupil Parliament

Date: Tuesday 1 February 2022

Time: Periods 1 & 2

Location: Assembly Hall



Attendance: J Waddell, S Young, R Charters

**PLUS SEE SEPARATE ATTENDANCE SHEET FOR PUPILS (16 PUPILS)*

Item	Notes
Minutes of last meeting	<p>Mrs Young updated pupils on “You said we did” from the last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcome of participatory budgeting approved – Super Study Support is being organised • Continue to encourage pupils to report issues with the toilets • New signage on toilets and at water fountain • Sanitary products available to collect from wellbeing centre and first aid room, as well as in toilets • Assembly delivered by Head Teacher to update the school on these points <p>Mrs Young also shared that the budget is looking tight for next session – we currently had extra funding due to COVID. Pupils will notice new blinds in classrooms, new chairs in some classrooms and projector issued resolved. The dining hall is having a refurbishment to include new signage and a daily specials board. Mural being painted in the assembly hall with our vision, values and purpose</p>
Rights Respecting Schools	<p>Very positive feedback from the Gold accreditation visit. Thank you to everyone who was involved in one of the focus groups</p> <p>Waiting to hear if we have achieved the Gold award, report takes approx. 4 weeks to be approved</p> <p>The steering group will have their next meeting once they have the Gold report as this will have an action plan for next steps</p>
Wellbeing	<p>An IC HS Wellbeing website is being developed, including support for mental health, signposting where pupils can go for support and also includes information on extra-curricular activities that are available. QR codes will be displayed on notice boards to support easy access to this website. Hopeful this can be launched in the next few months</p> <p>The Mentors in Violence Protection programme is being planned – Feb-May involves building capacity with staff and will be launched in June to pupils</p>

LGBT	<p>Asked Mrs Young if Purple Friday can be celebrated on Friday 25 February – Mrs Young approved this and will get this on the school calendar and an assembly to promote this Pupils would like to sell badges</p> <p>Wall display in dining board has been updated and pupils have made a great job painting one of the boards</p> <p>Next steps is to focus more on what needs to be done for the LGBT charter – chase up which level the group are going for, Bronze or Silver</p> <p>Staff training took place on INSET day and positive comments collated from staff</p>
Ambassadors	<p>Sports</p> <p>Hoodies for sports captains and ambassadors have been ordered to make them recognisable Planning for the Sportathon has started, date to be confirmed. Promote this, high numbers desired to compensate for pupils who missed out on this experience due to COVID. Ladywell County Championship will be hosted at ICHS – date to be confirmed Good attendance at lunchtime clubs – pupils are having fun and enjoying the clubs. Football Buzz running Mon-Thurs lunchtime. Free tickets to Livingston FC are available WL Dance competition coming up, working on choreography in preparation for this</p> <p>Music</p> <p>Funding requested for an Achievement in Music board for the department Pupils would like to organise a summer concert Mrs Young asked the ambassadors if they could do a concert as part of the S6 last day celebration – taking place last Friday in May An artist has been commissioned to paint a mural on the wall in art Pupils raised concern over vandalism in the all-inclusive toilet in the music department – Mrs Young encouraged pupils to keep reporting issues like this Mrs Young asked if music can be reintroduced to the dining hall at lunch time – it would be good if ambassadors can organise this with music from different genres</p>

<p>Learner Voice</p>	<p>ILP/PSE</p> <p>Pupils feel that improvements could be made to the Inspire Learning Programme. Potential to have more information on learner pathways and skills development such as finance skills. Harris suggested the use of Idea Awards</p> <p>Aimie promoted the my world of work website for information to support learner pathways</p> <p>Mrs Young promoted the sharepoint that has been created to support learning pathways</p> <p>Discussion about appointments with careers advisor, all pupils should have a 1 to 1 appointment to support learner pathways</p> <p>Brennus raised that S4 pupils would benefit from PSE</p> <p>Lachu suggested a pupil feedback form to get opinions on ILP and PSE</p> <p>Mrs Charters shared that pupil focus groups have taken place to gain pupil views in terms of the wellbeing curriculum</p> <p>Vaping</p> <p>Ongoing concern. Mrs Young shared what has been done to discourage vaping. Campus cop has spoken to local shops to stop them selling vapes/elf bars to young people and complaint made to Amazon</p> <p>Pupils who were vaping in school had been asked to do an act of kindness by creating an assembly on the dangers of vaping – Mrs Young has 9 assembly presentations that can be built into the PSE programme</p> <p>Blinds</p> <p>Mrs Young reassured pupils that new blinds have been ordered, including black out blinds for science to support experiments. A survey went out to all staff asking them to raise any issues with fixtures/fittings/IT in their classrooms and issues are being resolved</p> <p>Mrs Young will organise for there to be a log book in the wellbeing centre to record reports of vandalism in toilets. A QR code in the toilets is not feasible as a member of staff would need to monitor but staffing levels won't allow for this.</p> <p>Lois asked if the suggestion boxes for ILP can be promoted through an assembly</p>
<p>AOCB</p>	<p>Learner voice representative request for ASN – Miss Macleod to approach ASN to ask if any pupils who like to be involved in learner voice process</p> <p>Aimie asked if we can organise a careers fayre. Attendance at previous fayres was very poor so the school developed the sharepoint to support learner pathways. Promote this more. Sophie asked if the QR code for the learner pathways sharepoint can be added to the pupil newsletter</p>

	<p>Aimie asked what is happening with study leave. Mrs Charters will chase this up and get back to pupils about this. Mrs Charters also confirmed that the S6 last day celebrations will start after 10.30am so that pupils in an exam that morning don't miss out on the activities that will be planned.</p> <p>Bullying raised – reassured that Mrs Prentice is working on restorative practice to sort out bullying, with more serious issues being escalated to HoH or campus cop.</p> <p>Molly asked about the use of tutor time. Mrs Charters explained it is a wellbeing check in first thing in the morning and a way of sharing information. Pupils are having different experiences in tutor. Learner voice to discuss tutor time at their next meetings and bring feedback to pupil parliament</p> <p>Lois mentioned pupils are looking for a quiet space at break/lunch. Discussed the small dining area and lunch clubs. Can learner voice discuss at their next meeting and feedback ideas to pupil parliament?</p>
Date and Time of Next Meeting	Wednesday 23 March periods 1 and 2