



## Minutes

**2nd February 9.30am  
Rutherglen High School**

**Attendees:** Laura Collins, Lauren Lamont, Helen King, Afzah Waseem, Alison Smith, Richard Miller (HT), Katie Robertson (Curriculum Lead)

**Apologies:** Cara Devaney

- **Approval of previous minutes**

### Items for Discussion

- Caring City

Caring City was paused before Christmas due to lack of funding available. Parent/carers of those involved were informed by letter. Caring City has been privately funded previously by POYPIN who managed to get grants for the £30000 to cover the costs. However last year they only managed to get £2500 in funding with the school contributing a further £7000 to allow it to continue until before Christmas. Further funding is required to continue, but the school would also like to look into other options available to our young people as there is no accreditation for the Caring City Experiences. Keeping in touch with Ross Galbraith and Caring City, and hope to engage again in the future.

- POYPIN (Positive Outcomes for You People with Individual Needs)

Is a Charity set up by 4 members of the school staff to benefit children from Rutherglen High School and Cathkin High School.

It is associated with the school but not part of the school.

Has raised money through grants for Caring City, electric bikes for playground etc.

School have no say in POYPIN therefore Richard is keen to distance himself and the school from them.

Alison asked if we could get charitable status for RHS like Sanderson did.

PP will explore this option. - **ACTION**

Also discussed that the school has a minibus that is currently unable to be used as it requires maintenance.

Alison said there were grants that could help with the bus including a participatory budget and SLC community base funds.

- Improving Parent Partnership engagement

Agreed that members of Parent Partnership will attend the Inservice day on Wed 18th Feb to introduce ourselves and discuss where the staff feel we can help them best.

Confirm timings with Richard - **ACTION**

- Constitution & code of conduct/ Office bearers update

Laura gave an update regarding the removal of 3 members from the parent Partnership.

This was due to a breach of the code of conduct that was agreed at the AGM. The breach was dealt with in line with the constitution and the

code of conduct and unfortunately ended in removal of these parents from the parent partnership.

The Parent Partnership now consists of:

Chairperson - Laura Collins

Secretary - Lauren Lamont

Treasurer - Helen King

Parent Members - Afzah Waseem, Cara Devaney & Alison Smith

Richard wished for it to be minuted, that the PP dealt with the matter in a professional and caring manner.

- **Treasurers Update**

Current bank account with Virgin Money,  
name on the account is: ACTIONS

Set up new bank account in the name of : Rutherglen High School  
Parent Partnership

Looking at RBS business account

Helen King as Treasurer, and Laura Collins, Afzah Waseem and Lauren Lamont as additional signatories. - ACTION

Once new account is set up, we will transfer all funds from the current account and close it.- ACTION

- Account update:

Fayre raised £165.85

Disco Raised 289.47

Xmas Cards - £13.50

Current Total in Account **£1645.81**

Christmas cards - look into using Print Shop and getting kids ready to design cards by end October.

- **Grants**

ACTIONS -

- look into charitable status
- Explore grants for outdoor learning space, sensory trails, Garden, privacy screens.
- Tesco Blue token application
- Community Council grants up to £500
- Prom being organised outwith the school this year for multiple schools, Lauren Cuthbertson on the committee. Ask for update at next meeting from Lauren C.
- School Photos - Martin Dornan(ICT) previously took photos, kids know him so more comfortable. School will look into this as a possibility.

**Headteacher Update:**

35 young people attended Celtic Connections with Mr Miller. A great time was had by all.

Burns Breakfast was a success

School recognised with the Inclusive Award for Beat The Street.

Instagram continuing to show what our young people are involved in, community events, Scottish culture and identity, practical life skills.

Staffing-

6 Support staff have been recruited with 3 in post now, another starting the end of Feb and the final 2 soon after.

Teaching staff, 2 long term sickness ongoing, expected back soon, temp staff in place.

**Update from Katie Robertson (Curriculum Lead)**

Scotland is currently undergoing a review of Curriculum for Excellence (CfE).

Government change in curriculum 2028,

Exam Nat 5s to change to new exam setup 2032

Katie is engaging with Staff at present to update them on the changes and to prepare and introduce change slowly and develop changes that are required for the future

Looking to engage with kids and parents.

What do we want our young people to Do, Know and Understand.

Help create a suitable curriculum for our Young People.

Currently trialled and had success with IDL (InterDisciplinaryLearning) which has allowed our young people to work on projects in STEM, Digital Technology, Eco, Enterprise & Creative Arts. This allows them to work on a project and collaborate skills and learning. Showcase at the end of term was huge success with great engagement from all classes within the school.

**Any Other Business** - None

Next Meeting - Thursday 19th March 2026, 9.30am, Rutherglen High School