**Newbattle Community High School** 

**Parent Council Zoom Annual General Meeting**

**15th September 2021, 7pm**

**Present Apologies**

G McMillan Head Teacher C Beattie Counsellor

C Park Parent C Iley Parent

A Westaby Parent/Vice Chair J Reed Parent

M Winning Parent/Chair S Duncan Parent

K Maynard Parent F Oswald Parent

S Fairley Parent J Harvey Parent

P McIntosh Parent

C Campbell Parent

G Miller Parent

L Roxburgh Parent

L MacLeod Clerk

Overview of Highlights/Successes of 2020/21

Gib ran through a presentation on the highlights/successes of last session. Along with this, he also discussed the school improvement plan with the group.

*Action – Powerpoint to be sent out to all parent/carers as part of weekly comms.*

Election of post bearers

Malcolm Winning will take on the role of Chairperson.

Andy Westaby will remain as vice Chairperson.

For the time being, we will not be running Friends of Newbattle as a separate group.

Litter

We have received a few complaints about litter within the local community. We have raised this at homeroom, in PSE lessons, working with our partners (Y2K) at how they can assist, potentially using ‘litter picking’ as a punishment. This will be sent home to Parent/Carers to also ask them to raise with their young person. Any other suggestions would be welcome.

AOCB

Positive Learning Policy

The policy was discussed. Gib confirmed that support is always available for staff to fully implement this. Gib called the parent back the following morning and they were supportive of the procedures implemented.

Photographs

It was raised that there have been some issues with the QR Codes provided by the photographer, so parents are having difficulties ordering.

*Action – Louise will discuss with Coldwells and find out how parents can order*

Update – Coldwells advised that the QR code if for office use, parents need to order via the web link on the order form. They have made contact with the parent directly. Information was sent out via the weekly comms with information on how parents can order.

BiteSite Reopening

It was asked when the BiteSite is expected to reopen.

Currently, we do not have a date for this. Free lunch packs are still available in school and the BACs payment continues to those entitled.

*Action – Gib will take to authority to confirm if there are any plans to reopen*.

Update - no plans currently to reopen, but is being monitored on a weekly basis by the authority.

Isolating Pupils Google Classroom

It was raised that some pupils’ haven’t been receiving work on their google classroom when they are isolating.

*Action – Gib will raise with Extended Leadership that all work should be on Google Classroom so pupils at home are learning the same as pupils who are in class.*

Update – Gib has spoken with ELT, faculties and House Team to ensure that this happens.