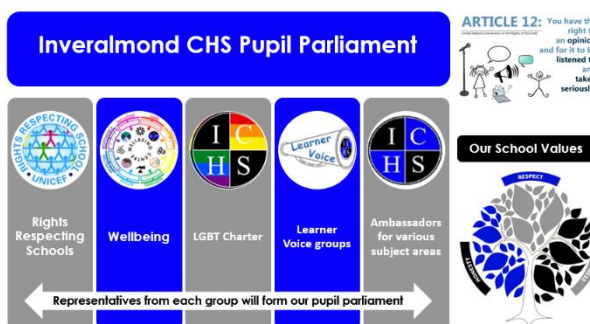


Minutes – Pupil Parliament

Date: Thursday 23 February

Time: Period 1

Location: G132 Business Education



Item	Notes
Minutes of last meeting	The previous minutes were agreed.
Ambassadors	<p>Sports</p> <p>Charity football match to take place before Easter</p> <p>Sportathon should take place soon, this will be 12 hours rather than overnight</p> <p>STEM</p> <p>Getting along with sustainable project and going along to Napier University – use water bottles</p> <p>Drama</p> <p>Positive stories for negative times was an excellent initiative run by the Drama Club on Wednesdays</p> <p>Music</p> <p>Expressive Arts showcase has been delayed but SY advised that there is £1000 available for this</p>
Rights Respecting Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A mini COP event comprising workshops for pupils will take place this session. • SY asked for more RRS in the schools' newsletter
LGBT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purple Friday will take place and pupils and staff have been asked to support this if they could. • The Rainbow Alliance group takes place each Thursday lunchtimes.
Learner Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunchtime football between S3-4 is causing fights and would benefit from a staff member, SY advised that this would mean paying staff but senior pupils could possibly help out. • Wi-Fi is still an issue making working in Maths classrooms and in the lunch hall difficult. SY will investigate this although warned it can take a long time as we have to prioritise what we spend our budget on.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Digital Future Committee are working on advancing technology but Promethean boards are £5000 each therefore netbooks have been prioritised.• S1 girls have requested that they would like a football team along with the S1 boys. RD will start this and be supported by senior pupils.• Pupils opening doors while people are in the toilet is a problem and SY is being dealing with these pupils. SY advised that the boys' toilets have been modernised but pupils need to call out pupils who vandalise and report damage.• Lunchtime queue management - pupils are annoyed at staff skipping the queue or letting other pupils in the front. SY advise that staff give up their lunch to run clubs so some do have to skip the queue. Also pupils would like either face recognition or to be able to pay with their bank card. SY advised that cards could be used by others but we are working on bringing in facial recognition. Queues would be quicker if pupils remembered to bring their lunch card.• An increase in bullying was reported but SY advised that numbers have been down unless pupils have not reported incidents. Acts of unkindness are not bullying. Attacks on protected characteristics are reported on Seemis.• More access to counselling has been required but pupils advised that they were being mocked for going to this. This was leading to suicidal thoughts, SY advised that people who feel suicidal should phone 999. Pupils who feel low can have 6 sessions at the school counsellor at the Wellbeing Centre. Mrs Hughes is now a full time member of staff dealing with bullying.• Learner voice is suggesting that we have a digital suggestion box to avoid publicly making suggestions. This will be implemented as soon as possible.• Pupils are asking for more equipment in the fitness suite. Facilities have had to be removed as West Lothian Leisure are no longer sharing the costs of this. SY said we will build on this |
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	<p>over the next few years and pupils should advise PE staff what they would like.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils ask to use the sauna, a sign will go up to advise this is out of order. • The S1 area is messy and SY asked that S1s ask their friends to put litter in the bin. • Vaping is an issue as people are using the toilets to vape and people can't get to the toilet. SY asked that these pupils are reported at Wellbeing. There is an increased staff presence in the toilets. • Pupils reported that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The new pitch has made an improvement to PE classes. ○ Lunchtime staff are friendly and try and remember pupils' names. ○ Pupils like the wellbeing centre and value having a place to go. ○ Pupils value Mrs Lamont in Reflection, she is excellent and very supportive. ○ Pupils are pleased that water fountains are now in place downstairs and will shortly be upstairs too. • SY thanked pupils for their contributions.
Wellbeing	Wellbeing group have started a Just Dance group.
AOCB	None
Date and Time of Next Meeting	Thursday 8 June 2023 8.45am