

Campbeltown Grammar School
AGM / Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday 25th October, 2023 at 7pm - Virtual

Present:

John Armour, A&B Councillor
Kirsty Donnelly, Head Teacher
Linda Galbraith, Committee Member
Kristin Gillies, Committee Member
Joanna Holbrook, Co-chair
Alistair Kenny, Committee Member
Catherine Ann McAulay, Committee Mem
Carole Tait, Secretary

Apologies

Katrina Barr, Committee Member
Karen Brodie, Parent
Susan McMillan, Committee Member
Carol McEachran, Committee Member
Malcolm McFadzean, Committee Member
Claire Mitchell, Committee Member
Andrea McShannon, Committee Member
Tommy MacPherson, A&B Councillor
Ruth Russell, Committee Member

Welcome and apologies

- JH welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received for the meet link not working and going forward google meet will be used for virtual/hybrid meetings.

Previous minutes of 11th September 2023

Follow up from previous minutes;

1. Teachers will attend on an adhoc basis. Agenda to be sent in advance of meeting.
2. Ongoing curriculum changes and training are being implemented. Class teachers will update the course plans on google classroom. SLT (senior leadership team) to inform parents how to use the google classroom although pupils are aware how to log on and share resources with parents/carers.
3. Showmyhomework - no further forward however access to google classroom could be the solution to know when homework is assigned/due.
4. English department; Miss McKenzie has resigned and support has been put in place which will not affect the timetable. The advert has been posted for a replacement.
5. Mat for the back door at the school to be chased up and KD proposes the back door will be open during the winter months for access. Road markings at the top of the school has changed and all to adhere the changes.

Agenda

Action

1. JH attended the PAG meeting which proved informative. All parents/carers encouraged to have a look at Connect. Consultation on our children and the future due to be sent out in November. Parent engagement strategy was shared and how to ask parents to be more involved in the school. Information on Grants and funding is available if parents register on Argyll and Bute website. ALL
2. CM stated the closing date of applying to the Windfarm fund is this Friday. CT to apply based on raising funds for the overseas S6 trip next year. S6 will travel to Paris in February. KD to obtain actual costs for trip and hand over to parent council as soon as for the application to various funds. JA confirmed the parent council can also apply to the Common Good Fund which is submitted in early December. KG confirmed DPS were successful LG

in past applications. LG to ask James McCorkindale which funding options are available in which the dance group had applied on their overseas trip. CT to check with other primary schools their resources. CT proposed football scratch cards to be handed to the pupils attending the overseas trip for family/friends. CT

3. No further movement on the balance of the parent council funds which currently stands at £4,459.70.
4. AK confirmed he is organising the Duke of Edinburgh awards, attached information pertaining to the award. KG confirmed her husband Ross Gillies would be willing to be an independent verifier. Currently 17 applications this year are being processed. AK
5. Pupil Council to be invited to next meeting to discuss various fundraising ideas. KD to distribute whole year calendar and post on website for all to see. KD
6. Head Teacher report – attainment statics were shared and areas for improvement are taking place. *HMIE consultation - inspectors to the school will be February 2024 with a review in September 2024. * Proposal to close the Southend Primary School will take place on 7th November and a link will be shared to review in due course. *KD confirmed a complete refresh of the courses/timetable is currently being looked at and is expected to take at least a year for the changes to be implemented. *Staff involvement for fundraising ideas were a Santa dash, end of term community cleanup of litter. *Craig Nelson now in post as Health and Wellbeing Family Liaison Officer. Laura Innes is acting PT. *PE post has been advertised. *Senior reports have been distributed. *BGE are seeking to go down the street at break/lunch times. *Young girls football team have won various tournaments and are now having the opportunity to play at Hampden. *Counting for the next local election in November will be taking place in the school hall. KD

AOB

- The roll out of removing mobiles from the pupils daily school life was raised and KD confirmed working towards this.
- Sex Education has been raised in the news recently asking whether parents should know what their kids are being taught in school for this subject. KD confirmed the school uses the NHS online guidelines for this subject and will share the link that is used. KD

Meeting adjourned 900pm.

Date of next meetings Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 7pm – in person at the school in a room to be agreed by KD giving parents the opportunity to see different locations within the school and meeting will be presented virtually by Google meet.