

Grange Academy Parent Council Meeting **12 November 2019 19h00**

Attendance

Samantha Waddell
Fiona Paterson
Alison Holland
Claire Bryson
Samantha McEwan

Robert Johnston
Mary MacKinnon
Elaine Crawford

Apologies - Arlene Jackson, Diane Patterson, Lorette Dunlop, Richard Crawford and Nicola Newlands

Agenda

AGM Report
Chair Nominations
Head Teachers Report
Christmas Fair
Children In Need

Grange Academy Parent Council Chair's Report 2018/2019

Fiona Paterson

Chair report issued to all members via email and read out.

Fiona attended the East Ayrshire Steering Parent Council Meeting -

Some of the main points discussed were as follows

Are all schools using the school app - Grange Academy is using the app as well as email.

Robert will provide the figures/numbers of the amount of people who are using the app.

Interest was shown in inviting the HomeLink worker to a Parent Council meeting to talk to us about what they do in the community.

Respect Me Training - no formal training at Grange Academy yet - but was raised if any parents would be interested in this training. Parent Council members interested are

Samantha Waddell, Claire Bryson and Samantha McEwan. Robert will put it out to the wider parent community to see if there is any further interest in the Respect Me Training.

The schools attainment figures are available on Parents Own. A link to Parents Own can be found on the schools website.

Chair Nominations

Fiona Paterson and Alison Holland nominated to continue as joint chair for the 2019/2020 session. On behalf of the SMT and other parent council members, thank you Fiona and Alison for your continued hard work.

Children In Need

Mary MacKinnon

Parents were asked (via email and app) how they would feel about 50% off the proceeds of donations/funds raised to be kept within the school to directly assist the children in need in our community/school. Mary had received 30 email responses. 27 Responses were pro 50% of the funds raised to be kept within the school and 3 responses were against. Some valid points were raised. We still await the pupil response. It was decided, because of the timing (too short notice) that all proceeds for Children in Need 2019 will go to the charity. For 2020 the proposal to split the funds will be put forward again and advertised well in advance with complete transparency on how the funds will be allocated.

Head Teachers Report

Robert Johnston

Staffing - John Scott from Stewarton Academy replaces Sarah Forrest who took up her new post in South Lanarkshire on 4 November.

Gavin Campbell has joined PE as maternity cover for Chantel Linton

K Leitch (PT Art & Design) and K Marshall (Biology) return to work after Christmas

Raising Attainment - Appropriate and challenging coursing in Senior Phase

Tracking and monitoring - interventions where necessary

Supported Study

Scottish Attainment Challenge funding

Staffing - 24 members of staff involved in the weekly programme of supported study running from November 2019 - April 2020. This would be 179 hours of supported study @ £22.76 per hour = £4074.04

* 8 members of staff involved in the Friday afternoon programme of supported study running from November 2019 - May 2020. This would be 56 hours @ £34.14 per hour = £1911.84

* total spend on staffing = £5985.88

* Transport/Reward Excursions for high tariff pupils / food = £2427.12

* Total spend £8413

Intended Outcomes:

All of the 63 S4 pupils involve din weekly programme will achieve a minimum of 7 SCQF Level 4 qualifications (231 tariff points).

All 4 of the S4 pupils involved in the Friday afternoon programme (complete non-attenders) will achieve a minimum of 8 SCQF Level 3/4 qualifications (minimum 164 tariff points).

Wider Achievement and Extra-Curricular Activities

Gala Concert - great success

Duke of Edinburgh Awards (3rd highest presenting school in Scotland)

Senior Leadership Team & Prefects

S1 Parents evening to be held next week - there will be rolling workshops on Internet Safety and Positive mental health.

Christmas Fair

30 November

11 outside stalls have been booked. Arlene has been very busy organising the event and many of the groups within the school will be doing their own fundraising at the Fayre. Claire confirmed that the Scouts will be able to deliver the tables on the Friday night prior to the event. A donation will be gifted to the Scouts from the proceeds of the Fayre for their assistance.

Other Business

Claire - approached by various parents to raise an incident that occurred during 4th Period English class last week where the door was locked from the inside by a pupil and the door could not be reopened from the inside. The concern was raised by parents as a Health and Safety issue. The pupil has been identified and has since apologised. Shortly after the meeting had adjourned Mr Johnston had raised the issue with the Janitor and the issue with this particular door was swiftly resolved.

Meeting adjourned 20h18

Next Meeting 14 January 2020