

GRANGE ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: 15 January 2019

Time: 19h00

Co-Chairperson: Fiona Paterson & Alison Holland

In Attendance

Fiona Paterson

Lesley Laird

Apologies: Elizabeth Smith

Arlene Jackson

Alison Houston

Claire Bryson

Mary Mackinnon

Samantha Waddell

Robert Johnston

Diane Patterson

Alison Holland

Elaine Crawford

Agenda

Welcome

A warm welcome to all at this first meeting of 2019. New parents attending – Diane Patterson, Lesley Laird and Alison Houston.

Minutes of Previous meeting

Previous meeting minutes not available at this time. Samantha Waddell volunteered and appointed Parent Council secretary/clerk.

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre held on 8th December 2018 was a success. Total profit after deductions £700 (banked)

Looking for ideas going forward on how to maximize profit at future fayres

Idea to make the Fayre earlier this year. Discussed / raised if possible if a certain percentage raised from Children in Need can be allocated to the Parent Council fundraising.

Mary MacKinnon wanted on record the appreciation from the teachers for the work that parents put into organizing the Christmas Fayre and various other fundraising activities.

It was discussed that it be put to the Pupil Representative Council and to Teachers on their bid / ideas on where funds can be allocated.

Quality Assurance: Learning, Teaching & Assessment

Robert discussed that the Quality Assurance is the focus on what is going on in the class and how any improvements can be made.

Learning, teaching and Assessment – self-evaluation sheet was discussed.

Robert advised that the East Ayrshire Council will be buying the school app (application) for each school and it was discussed what will be the best method of being in contact with parents i.e. Show my Homework, School app, Email or school web page.

Pupil Equity Fund

Priority on school improvement plan – focus on vulnerable pupils with regards to numeracy and literacy where additional support may be needed. Also, a focus on the Health and Wellbeing of pupils.

While the Government funding is currently available, it is not guaranteed in the future so need to look at a way to build a sustainable model.

Upskill across Primary and Secondary schooling

School Improvement Plan update

Two home-link workers (one employed through the school and the other through funding) making vital inroads with pupils/parents in need.

Parent Council Activities

Continue to meet every 6 weeks. Looking for new ideas / suggestions for fundraising activities.

It was discussed that a possible event that the Parent Council can arrange for parents on certain topics i.e.

Cyber-bullying

Mental Health

Addiction / Screen time

Mistakes made on-line

Possibly looking to get speakers to give advice to parents on some / all above topics.

Prelims seem to be progressing well.

Dates for forthcoming meetings

26 February 2019

16 April 2019

28 May 2019

Meeting adjourned

15 January 2019 20h13