

GRANGE ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: 16 April 2019

Time: 19H00

Facilitator: ALISON HOLLAND

In Attendance

ALISON HOLLAND

ELAINE CRAWFORD

CLAIRE BRYSON

ROBERT JOHNSTON

FIONA PATERSON

ALISON HOUSTON

LORETTE DUNLOP

SAMANTHA WADDELL

MARY MACKINNON

APPOLOGIES – Arlene Jackson

INVITED GUEST – Pauline Moriarty from Beautiful Inside and Out

WELCOME

Alison -Welcome to Pauline from Beautiful Inside and Out

Reason for inviting Pauline to speak is as a result of the feedback from the Pupil Council where they would like an event / speakers on Mental Health awareness.

Beautiful Inside and Out

A powerful and moving presentation given by Pauline Moriarty showing what the charity can provide in terms of support for bereaved family members with particular emphasis on siblings. Counselling can also be provided in a safe and confidential environment.

After the presentation it was discussed what the charity can provide for Grange Academy in terms of if an event could be planned and if certain focus groups were to be chosen. The school is looking into integrating the awareness of mental health and suicide awareness into each PSE class.

It was decided that an evening session/event would be planned for the new session Aug / Sep – perhaps to tie in with the NHS mental health week in September (during school and

an evening session.) Alison and Fiona to liaise with Pauline about arranging an event for the new school session 2019/2020.

HEAD TEACHER REPORT – ROBERT

After returning from the holidays the focus is now firmly on the exam timetable. Exam leave will start on Wednesday 24 April with the first exam being written on Thursday 25 April. Exams will continue until the end of May when the students will then adopt their new timetables.

School uniform is to be worn to exams as well as when attending master classes.

BIDS FOR THE PARENT COUNCIL FUND

Jamie Houston bidding for the funds for the School of Rugby which will be hosting a 2 day event in May where there will be a Mental Health workshop, a rugby match, a BBQ etc..

£200

Parent Council Trophy / Shield – 2 trophies or shields to be bought and awarded. 1 Snr and 1 Jnr. Approximate cost £40 each (Total £80)

Duke of Edinburgh - £200

Dancers - £50 towards a meal

Mr Gilchrist's Skateboarding club – holding off on this until interest in the club can be confirmed.

Donation for Beautiful Inside and Out – still to be discussed (or to perhaps raise money for the charity through Children in Need activities)

OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED / MENTIONED

Car boot sale – holding off on this idea for now.

School work experience – opportunities for the 4th/5th/6th years will come available once the exams are completed. Guidance teachers will be first point of contact when looking for opportunities for work experience. Mr. Johnston agreed that perhaps clearer communication can be provided to parents with regards to the work experience opportunities.

Mary MacKinnon will bring a list of nominees for the Parent Council Trophy (1 Jnr and 1 Snr) to the next Parent Council Meeting.

Awards Ceremony was discussed. Some suggestions –

- 1) to be held at night rather than during the day when parents have time constraints and can then stay for the entire ceremony.
- 2) Put on an exhibition of some the pupils work (e.g. Art)
- 3) To give more notice to parents
- 4) To start the awards ceremony on time.

Meeting adjourned 20h45

Next Meeting 28 May 2019 at 19h00 – Chair - tbc