

Grange Academy Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 12 January 2021

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Head Teacher's Report
3. Home Learning
4. Assessments
5. Support for identified young people during lockdown
6. Fundraising
7. P6 enhanced transition and P7 transition
8. AOCB

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Meeting Start – Claire Bryson - welcome to the first meeting of 2021 - Agenda read out.

Head Teacher's Report *(R Johnston)*

Staffing - all staff are well and currently the school is fully staffed.

November and December were concentrated on the senior phase - preparing for assessments. For January assessments and April assessments a plan had been put in place - but this is now on hold due to lockdown.

All schools across the authority are working together, this helps with overcoming challenges. Health and Social work - working in the background as well - working with and identifying young people who may have challenges at home and also identifying young people where both parents are key workers.

Assessment *(M MacKinnon)*

Before lockdown, M MacKinnon published the assessment schedules for January and April, but due to lockdown the January assessments will now not be going ahead. As it's impossible to tell when the campus will be open again, it is very hard to judge the timescale for assessments going forward. The decision was taken the 4th/5th/6th year should continue to do coursework.

The papers that were set for the January assessments will be used for in-class assessments when the campus can reopen. These will be carried out when teachers deems that the pupils are ready.

At this stage, the April assessments will go ahead as planned assuming pupils are permitted back on campus by then. The April assessments will carry weight but also included in this will be coursework such as folios and practicals.

M MacKinnon will be sending out a 'Frequently Asked Questions' tomorrow to clarify the main questions and concerns that the senior phase have raised. This will be communicated to parents as well.

R Johnston mentioned that there is still very much a focus on the S1-3 and that colleagues are developing the online curriculum.

Support for the identified young people during lockdown (*E Crawford*)

Applications could be completed for the children of key workers as well as young persons who have been identified by social workers who would benefit from being in school during lockdown. A staff rota has been made up. It is critical that social distancing must be adhered to for staff and pupils attending. 3 areas on the campus have been set up to allow for strict social distancing at all times. These areas will be set up as a Maths ICT area, English ICT area and Library ICT area. The pupils attending (children of key workers / identified young persons) will not be taught but only supervised online learning - the same as the kids learning from home. PSE teachers are available to be contacted.

Digital Learning (*S Cowan*)

The school put in a bid to the EAC for devices and was awarded with a good amount of devices. So far 110 devices have been issued to pupils. Staff training has taken place - specifically upskilling as live sessions/lessons can now take place. On line learning will never replace face to face teaching and some courses do not translate as well online ie music / woodwork.

Fundraising (*C Bryson*)

Thank you to Kirsty and Amanda for organising the Christmas raffle - a total of £646 was raised.

Kirsty - P6 Enhanced transition and P7 transitions. Elaine said that Sharon is in the process of scheduling the P6 transitions and is having / attending meetings. The P7 transitions is behind and delayed due to the pandemic and lockdowns. They are hoping to get back on track in February. The pastoral team will be doing videos / teams meetings and discussions. Will also be putting together a virtual tour of the school.

Fiona - when and how will reports be issued? Stephen explained that as the teachers are not in school they do not have access to the reporting information. Stephen is working on how to get reports out to the pupils and parents.

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19h00