

**Grange Parent Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 via Zoom @ 19.00hrs**

**Attendees**

Kirsty Clelland, Pauline Patton, Shirley Curran, Claire Bryson, Stephen Cowan, Elaine Crawford, Alicia Clyde, Scott Robertson, Fiona Sanderson, Morag Ross, Audrey Brotherston, Mary MacKinnon, Nicola Newlands

**Guests**

Jane Frost, Greg Armstrong, Claire McKeown, Cheryl Taylor

**Apologies**

Tom Cook, Richard Crawford, Amanda McKinlay, Lee Cardow, Robert Johnston, Viv Lambert

**Approval of previous minutes**

Minutes – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – c/f to next meeting for approval. In process of being finalised.

Outstanding actions reviewed and updated – see Actions Spreadsheet

**HT Report**

Update provided from EC as Mr Johnston had sent his apologies for this meeting.

New Head of Grange Campus – a warm welcome was extended to Scott Robertson who was on the call to observe only at this evening before fully coming into role after Easter, he has joined the campus to work closely with Mr Johnston before his retirement.

The school app - this has seen a spike in visit numbers which is positive, continued work with parents to engage will continue. Early interaction with P7 parents has started. One of the meetings has some technical issues and although number of parents in attendance could not be seen it is thought that over 60 had dialled in. It is hoped that P7's will be able to visit the campus in house groups, this is subject to transport.

Parents evenings and options meetings have taken place virtually and have been well attended. Timetable prep is now taking place around the options, guidance teams have been very busy supporting.

SQA scenario - shared on the app this evening. Miss McLean SQA Coordinator has shared the resources and has attended EA meetings with other SQA Coordinators from other schools in EA. Supported study - Easter School will be finalised by end of week, good interest from young people and lots of staff willing to help with supported study. Scottish Government funds are available to help senior phased learners with transport costs if required over the break to attend supported study sessions. Booking forms will be issued after choices have been made.

Positive Destinations – now seeing 97.29% leavers in positive destinations on leaving school, for S4 leavers this is 100%, this is through the hard work and dedication of the guidance team and wider

school staff. Kirsty Clelland PC Chairperson noted the thanks on behalf of the Parent Council on these remarkable results supporting our young people on leaving school.

PEF update – Holly Marshall continues to work in pupil support role funded through some of our PEF budget.

SC advised she has heard of other schools using funding for ‘free study spaces’ where young people maybe just require a quiet place to study during the Easter break but maybe don’t want to attend supported study sessions in specific subjects.

It was discussed that the library could be used and MMcK offered to supervise this ‘quiet place’ for study. This will be added to the options booking form for easter.

It was discussed that S5 students and parents alike were very concerned around Chemistry and the prelim results and lack of SQA support. It was noted that Graham McGinn from EA Council was going to SQA re this. It was requested that any feedback comes to both students and parents to help alleviate any concerns.

Science and Social subjects both feel lack of support from SQA therefore they are working within departments to mitigate this.

Graham McGinn has a presentation to make at the next PC Steering Group Meeting around SQA plan to let pupils know their ‘estimated’ grades before they sit their exams. It was discussed at length with PC that this was felt to be a sensitive subject and parents are concerned of the potential impact this could have for some pupils going into exams. SLT advised that that ‘estimated’ grades should not come as any surprise to the students as discussions are regular and ongoing in class based upon the ongoing work and assessments that are continuous throughout the year. This is not a new process, this has always been completed by teachers, just not shared with the pupils however SQA now feel it is the right of the child for this information to be freely shared with the same standard of information being given to all students, this is not a decision a school can make individually on whether they choose to publish to the students.

If Exams results are not as good as estimated grades this is where possible grounds for appeal lie – with course work to support. It is not prelim results that support appeals.

It was decided that the PC concerns would be fed back to Graham McGinn to take our feedback to SQA. KC will also contact NPFS rep via PC steering group. It was also suggested that Young Persons Commissioner could be contacted to offer assistance / advice?

### **Prom**

121 tickets sold – 134 including staff. Full payment due by end of March. Ticket price £40.00

Plans are well underway with Tasting Menu/dietary requirements being finalised and DJ meeting.

Holly Marshall sending letters to local business’s looking for prom sponsorship. Advert in S6 yearbook being offered.

Prom support plan being looked into with outfits/hair/makeup/amazon wish list.

### **Fundraising**

No planned events at the moment. We welcome any other suggestions for raffles or fundraising – please feel free to share any ideas.

## Treasurers Report

IN BANK £2972.91

PROM FUNDS £900.00

## AOCB

School Vandalism – disappointingly there has been a number of vandalism incidents recently within the school, some causing significant damage

Toilets

Fire Exit

Coat Hooks

Hole in wall

Follow-up Parent Council offer support that this is not acceptable behaviour and cannot continue.

Our young people need to have pride in the school, the building, and their environment. KC to follow up and highlight this through PC social media channel. **(ACTION TAKEN)**

It is thought to be a very small number of pupil's involved in these incidents.

Community complaints – PP updated on community council meeting last week where 6 local residents to the school campus attended looking for support with a number of issues linked to the school around littering, anti-social behaviours, and parking. SR hopes to attend the next Community Council meeting in May to help offer support to the local residents and forge community links.

GA suggested mid-week reminders in bulletin around littering and recycling. **(ACTION TAKEN)**

GA – could we implement some sort of recycling incentive? **(ACTION TAKEN)**

Question was asked how long PC McPike is expected to stay as campus cop as this is usually a rolling position with a fixed term attached – EC to make some enquiries **(ACTION TAKEN)**

Meeting Closed @20.53

Next meeting Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022 via zoom.