

Grange Parent Council Meeting

26th April 2022 via Zoom @ 7 p.m.

Attendees

Kirsty Clelland, Pauline Patton, Scott Robertson, Richard Crawford, Elaine Crawford, Claire Bryson, Mary MacKinnon, Morag Ross, Shirley Curran, Nicola Newlands, Alicia Clyde

Guests

Pauline Paul, Jane Frost, Greg Armstrong

Apologies

Stephen Cowan, Tom Cook, Audrey Brotherston, Amanda McKinlay, Cheryl Taylor, Viv Lambert, Lee Cardow

Approval of previous minutes

Minutes – 8th February 2022 – Shirley Curran & Nicola Newlands

Minutes – 9th March 2022 – Shirley Curran & Nicola Newlands

Outstanding actions reviewed and updated – see Actions Spreadsheet

Transition update

New classroom assistant hired from PEF budget – being timetabled to support individuals and small groups.

Virtual calls have taken place with pupils across our feeder primary schools, and these are continuing with teachers from different subjects within Grange Academy. Lee Cardow has done trans 2 visits to primaries.

P7 staff meeting tomorrow to look at dates for further visits and we will have Student teachers working with P7's.

Hoping for June visits for new S1's in their house groups to come to grange will work as an improved transition model.

Enhanced transition starts in May for any pupils requiring additional support. Home link workers involved where required.

Lee Cardow creating a SWAY presentation for pupils and parents/carers.

KC – looking at arranging a coffee morning to build relationship with new S1 parents/carers (**ACTION TAKEN**) EC to ask Tracey McBride to co-ordinate dates.

Head Teacher Report

New Head of Campus presentation from Mr Robertson – A detailed presentation to introduce himself – see attached power point.

Seniors – Last School Day

Staff had heard rumours of some proposed 'pranks' and came in early on Thursday 21st April to try and keep the disruption to a minimum, the 'pranks' were relentless the whole day and from a risk

control perspective for the safety and wellbeing of pupils, staff, and property across the whole of the Grange Campus it was decided to ask S4-S6 to stay at home on the Friday.

Ideas were discussed on how to prevent a repeat next year and to stop this day escalating further. Work needs to be done for next year on culture and ethos with current S5s, build leadership roles and encourage responsibility.

Final senior day was previously well planned and this needs to happen again.

Suggestions - Leavers assembly, SQA centred, run through exam conditions etc – could this be planned few weeks before study leave to pre-empt events getting out of hand going forward?

This could perhaps be arranged during East Holidays – a fun day when no other pupils are on campus?

SMT will look to share costs and extent of damage once known. **(ACTION TAKEN)**

Applications for maths qualifications in review, there was initial interest shown in this pre covid, but support was then not great from pupils, this depends on pupil buy-in. Possibility of Ayrshire Growth Fund link in for 2023/24

Treasurer Report

£3123.44 in bank

£1050 – prom monies included in above figure.

We are awaiting a request on what to spend funds on from Audrey Brotherston.

PC would welcome bids for spending funds or projects to target fundraising events around.

PP queried where the figure of £250 to be held in bank came from, we will look to discuss this further in the next school year.

Fundraising

KC trying to arrange a Sally Buxton night as next Fundraising event. Update to follow.

Prom update

24 staff attending

43 pupils still to pay balance

Letters and social media posts were issued looking for sponsorship of prom however response so far has been slow. Offering advert in Yearbook in return for sponsorship.

AOCB

SEEMiS system not being updated when pupils arrive late to school – not reflected in the register – this will be looked into further by SMT.

Prefects – KC to discuss with AB for next session – new plan needed for session 22/23 – if anyone wants to join meeting re this to email KC. **(ACTION TAKEN)**

Campus Security – It was discussed how Plain clothes Police did a walk-through last year which allowed access unchallenged into Annanhill. CCTV was promised as a result of this (X 6 cameras)in campus but not installed – SR to follow up on this with LC & KC offline. **(ACTION TAKEN)**

The next meeting, we will be face : face in school campus – Mary MacKinnon will arrange school LET.

Money was collected for Warren Graham but Just Giving donation page then closed – it has been decided to sponsor an award – further info to follow.

Meeting Close 09.38