



STEWARTON ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL

Parent Council Meeting

Minute of meeting held on 13th September 2021

Present: Mr Stuart, Mr Johnson, E. Smith, LA Johnstone, M Menzies, C McGregor, H King, R Bingham, E Young, V Young, M Sharp, G Wilkie, J Semple, Rose-Ann Cunninghame, D Caulfield, J Wilson, Laura J., Rhona Howe

Apologies:

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| Welcome and Introduction | |
| E Smith opened the meeting and welcomed those present. | |
| S MacLeod agreed to take minutes of the meeting as secretary. | |
| Introduction of new Head Teacher | |
| Mr. Stuart gave a brief self-introduction to the PC attendees. | |
| Extended presentation to PC from Mr. Stuart | |
| Mr. Stuart delivered a presentation titled "PC HT Update" Key elements were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staffing Update; 5 staff have retired, 10 new teaching and office staff, 5 newly qualified teachers. - Key Priorities include ambition, equity, empowerment and focus on Learning and teaching, Wellbeing and Empowerment. - Word on Uniform; Mr. Stuart set out the basic uniform that must be adhered to including shirt/tie/skirt or trousers/black jumper and all black shoes. - Rights Respecting School is also key moving forward this term. - A draft school calendar will be issues, awaiting COVID mitigation decisions by EAC. - Tracking for all year groups will be completed by first week in October. - Week beginning 27th September is Scotland Maths Week. | |
| School and House Captains | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviews are successfully completed. • School Captains – Lois Anderson, Jamie Mitchell and Emma Piper • School Vice Captains – Eilidh Allan, May McLaughlin, Jane McDowall, Chris Benacci, Emily Bradshaw and Amy Jose • House Captains <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boyd - Alexander Caulfield and Arianna Pia • Cunningham - Gabi Lessing and Jamie Watt • Montgomery - Millie McGuire and Molly McDade • Stewart - Abbie Blackmore and Murray Niven | |
| Pupil Voice and Rights Respecting School focus | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lois Anderson, Chris Benacci and Jane McDowall • Supporting Pupils – Transitions and Wellbeing • Emma Piper, Eilidh Allan and Amy Jose • Community • Jamie Mitchell, May McLaughlin and Emily Bradshaw | |



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| Current Priorities in place | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement in attainment in Numeracy. • Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children. • Improvement in children and young people’s health and wellbeing. • Improvement in employability skills and sustained, positive school leaver destinations. | |
| - Update on school uniform | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ALL-Black trainers are acceptable generally. - Mr. Stuart to consult the school leaders about trainers or any other issues. - Mr. Stuart expects to give weekly update on the school APP. - Mr. Stuart was seeking advice from PC regarding their thoughts on uniform. | |
| SQA update (Mr Johnstone) | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SQA Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NO changes to any grades presented to SQA this year. All grades have been accepted. ○ S5 results: higher at the top end. UP from 57% from previous year. ○ S6: amazing results in particular this year. ○ School is currently offering 13 subjects. Information in September to compare with other schools within EAC. ○ 2020 data up on 2-year trends prior. ○ Attainments up on previous years. ○ COVID system seems to support more able pupils and favour more able pupils. - SQA Exam Diet schedule is April 26th - June 1st. The government continue to monitor public health advise to prepare for a range of scenarios. Details of these scenarios can be found on the SQA website. - Stewarton Academy also offers extra-curricular options including: Introduction to Construction • Barista with Customer Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Education and Childcare • Music Technology • Cycle Maintenance (2022) | |
| Fundraising | |
| Several fundraising ideas were discussed. Further meeting scheduled for further planning and discussion. | |
| Dates of Upcoming Meetings | |
| 25 th October 2021 | 22nd November 2021 |
| 17th January 2022 | 21st February 2022 |
| 28th March 2022 | |
| 16th May 2022 | |
| AGM 13th June 2022 | |



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