



STEWARTON ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL

Parent Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on 16th May 2022

Present: E. Smith, S. MacLeod, Ms. Taylor (DHT), Mr. Stuart (HT), J. Semple, D. Caufield, Mr. Johnstone (DHT), R-A Cunningham, G. Wilkie, W. McSheffery, N. Shaw, L. McKenzie, M. Menzies, C. McGregor, P. Gillespie, L. Jewel, A. Goldie, E. Goudie, F Patanker.

Apologies: P. McCaffery, LA Johnstone, R. Blackwood. J. Gaskin, E Young, R. Howe.

Welcome and Introduction	Actions
Elaine opened and welcomed all attendees.	
Adoption of Minutes	
Minutes of the Feb meeting proposed by Nicola Shaw and seconded by Lauretta McKenzie.	
Update from last meeting	
<p>Mr. Hardie has been looking into organising changes to Seemis for reporting, but this will take time.</p> <p>Parent's Night – possibly looking into changing staff Working Time Agreement to allow for extra parental appointments. It may be possible to tie in with Seemis to save time. PC agreed that the online system where parents can book teacher slots was working well.</p> <p>Elaine wondered if parents could be emailed Prelim results. Currently they are communicated to children only. Parents would like every opportunity to get this info to support their children by having this info sooner. Elaine also asked that parents receive the predicted grades email.</p> <p>Staff were asked to include assessment percentages in the school report for S4, S5 and S6. Mr. Hardie was organising this and has been asked to review reporting.</p>	<p>Mr. Hardie – look into Seemis to assist reporting.</p> <p>Mr. Johnstone to check into whether parents could be given pupils Pre-lim results.</p>
Treasurers Update	
<p>There is currently £2938.28 in the bank. That includes £2000 from Arnold Clark and £500 from Stewarton Initiatives. Cash for kids raised £1649 which includes an extra £250 as prize money for coming 4th in the competition.</p> <p>Monies given EAC to install an outdoor cabinet for the defib, supported by St John's Order.</p>	Ms. Wilson to pay for Defib.
HT Update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P7 Transition visits – May 25th/26th <p>S6 leaders have been exceptional and instrumental in assisting this.</p>	Decision on live streaming for awards ceremony.



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School cafeteria have been chosen to pilot a change of food available for the children. They are trying to come up with a balance of healthy food as well as appetising. There has already started, and baked potatoes and salads have been introduced to the menu.• Jubilee – 2/3 June, school shut.• Awards Ceremonies Staff are due to return their list of pupils tomorrow. The awards will be split into 2 nights with parents invited to various slots depending on their children’s year group. 7th June – S1 (4:30-5:30) 7th June – S2 (6:30-7:30) 8th June – S4/5/6 (times tbc) Possible live streaming, staff to confirm. Possible photos on the night – staff to confirm.• Prom – June 10th• Change of BBQ – to be rescheduled to Sept with the focus to engage S1 parents. Possibly coincide with night with parents already in the school.	
Recovery Update (Ms Taylor)	
<p>Current focus – Rights Respecting School. Trying to pick this up post-pandemic. Some dates in the diary to get attention to this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Uniform – a focus group has been set up. The children have been asked to input ideas for school uniform moving forward. Sensible ideas will be thrashed out. David Dodd from the technical department will assist in the design. Sensory issues will be taken into account. Staff will be asked to discuss tomorrow.• Launch Lesson – a lesson to teach/focus on the children’s rights. June 15th – whole school approach to teaching about “Conflict”. Each dept to teach this focus on this date.• The priority (and on the improvement plan) is Literacy. There are many plans to increase the focus this session. The current “Wider Achievement” weekly timetable slot for S1/2 will change to an “Active Reader Period.” The librarians are getting involved. The library is moving upstairs and there will be a Study Support Space. The program starts at Bronze Level. There is a greater focus on Reading for pleasure following identification of some poor reading pupil levels in these year groups. The staff are exploring funding options. Paired Reading sessions	



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<p>may return next session. Renewal of 3-year Accelerators Readers Scheme licence is being explored.</p>	
<p>Recovery Update (Ms Taylor)</p>	
<p>Pc members were invited to join in an activity to prioritise the 5 items on the National Improvement Framework.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Placing the human rights and needs of every child and young person at the centre of education. 2. Improvement in children and young peoples HWB. 3. Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children and young people. 4. Improvement in skills and sustained positive school-leaver destinations for all young people. 5. Improvement in attainment, particularly in Literacy and Numeracy. <p>Parents are keen to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get a sense of community back post-COVID • Get externals into schools • Include parents more and get them directly involved more regularly • Do more outdoor learning • Get more funding for pupil support • Get more staffing for pupil support <p>Mr. Johnstone confirmed that the PEF annual amount is frozen for the next 5 years. This is based on the number of pupils on Free-Meals. David Caufield is concerned that the number of pupils will increase but the PEF won't. He is suggesting EAC release funds NOW instead of in the future.</p> <p>Mr. Morgan is an extra member of staff added to the staff list this year.</p>	
<p>Other items</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Stuart confirms that some parts of the school is getting refreshed in the summer holidays. • Band: Catriona informs that the band are very keen to get up and running. Because the band is mostly "Wind instruments", COVID restrictions have applied for the longest time. Instructors have been restricted due to multi-school visits being denied. The band is hoping to have a launch in June in the form of a day where the Senior band all come together. Hopefully in August, they can have a full weekend together. Some feeder schools P6 and P7 pupils have had a taster session but schools differ. Some schools only getting P6 tasters. 	



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mike has stepped down as Vice-Chair. Elaine offered others to take on Chair for next session but will stay on if nobody is willing.• Next meeting changed from 13th June to 20th June. | |
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