

Stewarton Academy Parents Council AGM 4th September 2023

Attendees: S MacLeod, M Menzies, A Clarke, P McCaffery, J Gaskin, A Brown, R Madine, A Stuart, C Burn, D O'Brien, K Allen, L McKenzie, A Goldie, K McDonald, G Wilkie, E Smith, John Stuart (HT)

Apologies: G Johnstone, M McCormack, RA Cunningham, D Caulfield, C MacGregor, R Blackwood, K McIntyre, E Goudie, J Semple

Welcome from E Smith	Actions
Minutes of previous AGM approved	
Approved by Alexandria Goldie, seconded by Gail Wilkie	
Other minutes from PC meeting April 24th 2023	
Approved by Katherine Allen, seconded by Laretta McKenzie	
Treasurers Report delivered by A Goldie	
<p>Treasurers update. Recommends future treasurer/committee investigating the use of card payment (which has a 2% charge). Also depends on wifi, bluetooth and various other minor issues. New committee to bear these in mind. £2,938.28 opening bank balance April 2022 £4,222.69 closing bank balance March 2023 Positive diff £1,284.81 Copy of the accounts available.</p> <p>Connect Insurance: £162</p> <p>Mr. Dodds - £131 cheque not cashed – from the Edgar project Term 2 last session. Monies will stay in the PC funds for another use later. Bid for £295 – drum kit, approved by committee.</p>	
Chairpersons report	
<p>Elaine Smith gave outgoing speech and thanks her very supportive committee for their help. PC highlights: No of bids that were funded, funding some school trips, last year it was good to have face to face contact for parents' teachers night, anti-bullying policy has been updated, encourage new parents to come onto committee (and stay) moving forward.</p> <p>Mr. Stuart thanked Elaine for her many years of service and the outgoing committee.</p> <p>Laretta and Karen are moving on as they no longer have children in the school.</p> <p>Position Chair: Propose <u>Katherine Allen</u> by Elaine, seconded by Laretta Vice Chair: proposed <u>Gail Wilkie</u> by Elaine, seconded by Alexandra Treasurer: proposed <u>Alison Stuart</u> by Alexandra, seconded by Laretta Secretary: proposed <u>Donna O'Brien</u> by Katherine, seconded by Elaine</p>	

<p>Fund raising chair: Elaine and she is looking for another chair to share the role. She proposes setting up an independent fund-raising team. She is looking for possible members for this team.</p> <p>Aim to invite a EA council member to future AGM's.</p>	
<p>Mr. Stuart has put in a bid into Wellbeing bid into the 'Wellbeing for All Fund' for funding which can be, and has been in the past, used to support pupil trips. Requested funding for £3,680 for this year through the PC. Funding suggestion: ask for funding to new housing developers. Possibly ask Rowallan for funding as pupils in our catchment area.</p>	
<p>Feedback from parents: The app is unstable and unreliable. Mr. Stuart to investigate and raise it back with the council.</p>	<p>Mr. Stuart to investigate.</p>
<p>Allan: Flu jab letters, some year groups have not got letters yet. Mr. Stuart mentions that the PSE teachers maybe waiting to give them out in their class, he will follow up.</p>	
<p>Jen: Year 3 is not getting basketball for extracurricular activities again this year. Last year they also missed out. Mr Stuart to investigate with Mr. Rennie.</p> <p>Mary mentioned that the Astro turf is not being used, perhaps this could be used more moving forward. Active Schools may be able to help (Mr. Stuart to investigate)</p>	<p>Mr. Stuart to investigate both items.</p>
<p>Trips: skiing – Mr. Smallwood is keen, cost £1300-1400 a head, they may try a fund-raising model like used in the Paris trip moving forward. Unlikely to happen in the next couple of years. New ACT?? Which focuses on the “cost of the day”. Need to make sure every pupil has equal access to all available activities.</p> <p>Paris: sight-seeing, practise french, activities with locals to practice french plus a day in Disneyland.</p> <p>PC agreed that the activities day was a success last term.</p>	
<p>Update by Mr. Stuart</p>	
<p><u>Staffing</u> PT: Modern language and parental engagement- Ms. Wright PT: HE - Ms. Hanvidge PE teacher: Ms. Crossland Ms. Barrie: Library assistant Biology teacher: Ms Wright (temp) Technical teacher: Mr Bradley(temp) HE teacher: Ms. Gibb(temp) Physics / Maths teacher: Ms Kennedy CA: Ms. Maberly Ms Bracken: – office History/Mod: (NQT) Ms Gray Biology: (NQT) Mr. Sharp</p>	

<p>Calendar to come out on the app in the next couple of days. Lunch clubs have been issued already.</p> <p>Mr. Stuart gave a list of achievements this past session.</p> <p>Mr. Stuart to enquire about more staffing to EAC funding due to a large S6 year group.</p> <p>Captains/Vice – interviews this week. School values are getting reviewed.</p> <p>SCHOLAR: Stewarton academy, first to pilot in Scotland this year. Also Piloting ClickView in school this year.</p> <p>SQA results: Table presented to PC, Mr. Johnstone will deliver in detail at next meeting.</p>	
<p><u>Date for next meetings:</u></p> <p>Oct 9th 2023 Nov 13th 2023 Christmas Market 30th Nov Jan 15th 2024 Feb 26th 2024 April 22nd 2024 June 3rd 2024 Sept 2nd AGM 2024</p>	