

Attendees: S.MacLeod, G.Wilkie, A.Goldie, H King, D.Obrien, D.Caulfield, J.Semple, K.MacDonald, C.McGregor, M.Menzies, E.Smith, K Smith, C McConville, A.Stuart, K.Allen, M McCormack (guidance), John Stuart (HT),

Special guests: Councillor John McGhee, Scott Finnie

Apologies: L.Jewell, P.McCaffrey, A.Brown, L.McKenzie, J.Gaskin

Welcome and apologies from K Allen	Actions
Minutes of previous meeting approved	
Approved by Kathryn Allen and seconded by A Goldie	
<p>Guest speaker: Financial inclusion officer – Scott Finnie His role is to help with local primary and secondary schools. Can provide home visits to support with many financial aspects eg benefits checks, universal credit, budgeting, and employability. Also signposts to other support agencies: Support within courts and works with Citizens Advice. Lemon Aid Fuel Poverty advisory service citrusenergy.co.uk Hillhouse is a social enterprise in Ayrshire which works to support individuals and families experiencing financial difficulty. hillhousehelps.co.uk Support school meals debt advice. Families and staff can contact Scott on 07407 115841, email scott.finnie@east-ayrshire.gov.uk or contact the school office. EA Financial Inclusion team are based in Kilmarnock. Tel: 08003897750 financialinclusionteam@eastayrshire.gov.uk</p>	
<p>Pupil leadership team update – House captains</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House event w/c 30th October, with events like; food bank donations, crazy socks, sponge the teachers and dress in house colours. Total raised for the week = £335. • Toy donations drive deadline is 25th November. Looking for donations of books, toys, clothes. • Before Christmas the house captains are planning to arrange a Master Chef event. • 70 pupils now engaged with study support material on Teams. • Fire Commander coming in to talk about fire safety mid-December. • Bake sale Friday 17th November to raise some funds for Children in Need. • Visited feeder primary schools to start transition support of P7 pupils. 	
<p>Focus on learning and teaching - John Stuart (HT) “Are you responsible for your own learning?” - posters have been shared with all pupils.</p>	

<p>In 2022 pupils who answered a snapshot survey felt the teachers were responsible for their pupils' learning. This initiative has been promoting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teachers are responsible for teaching. 2. Pupils are responsible for their learning. <p>Second snapshot survey results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are pupils responsible for learning? 8.7% said no 91.3% said yes • Which learning style do you prefer? (chalk and talk or centred teaching style) 31 chalk and talk centred teaching 75 combination 123 	
<p>Treasurer update – Alison Balance in the bank £2800.41 with one check to come off £2,650.41 £900 in so far for the school Christmas fayre stalls.</p>	
<p>Fundraising update – Elaine</p> <p>Christmas fayre – 30th November House captains are going to ask other senior pupils for help. Posters are being shared in the community by pupils.</p> <p>Local primary school and Stewarton Academy confirmed stalls:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lainshaw ECC Human fruit machine • Stewarton Annick 2009 football team • Pupil support • Home economics • Paris fundraising trip • Primary school choirs • Bike maintenance • SAWD • English <p>Still several TBC</p> <p>Dress as you please 24th November – donation of chocolate or a bottle for the tombola</p>	
<p>Department bids – Kathryn Allen Update from previous bids</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Art department have had their printing press delivered and they are delighted. 2. English department thank you for support purchasing books. 	

<p>Two new bids</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sports department – Netball is expanding, and they are looking for netball dresses for S1 and S2. 12 dresses total cost £283.50. APPROVED 2. Home economics department – looking at replenishing sewing machines that are 10-15 years old. Two new sewing machines cost £259 each machine. Total bid £518. APPROVED 	
<p>EAP steering group feedback request – John Semple John is meeting Linda McAuley Griffiths next week. Next EAP steering group meeting is on 5th December. Anything you would like to cover please pass to John directly.</p> <p>The School App team are visiting various schools to help with training and education. New website is going live shortly (old website is closing 18th December) – comments are being taken on the Scottish education website.</p>	
<p>HT update- John Stuart</p> <p>Tue 14th November - S1 parents’ night Thurs 30th November - Christmas market Thurs 23rd November – S4 assessment diet Tue 12th Dec S5/S6 parents meeting Wed 20th Dec – Christmas concert 7-9pm Fri 22nd December - Close for holiday</p> <p>Recent school events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RMPS. • Oddballs charity raising awareness. • YPI event (youth and philanthropy initiative –)all S2 pupils. • Staff v Pupils netball. <p>National consultations on the future of SQA https://www.gov.scot/news/education-and-skills-reform/</p>	
<p>Forward planning/AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-existing unaffiliated Stewarton Academy Facebook needs to be closed. • S6 prom - Thursday 6th June at Harelaw farm. • Anyone free on the 24th November for dress as you please raffle donations – Gail, Alison and Kathryn can help 	<p>John</p> <p>Info</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anti-bullying week w/c 13th November – PSE classes are covering this and top tips for period 4 (S1-S6)• Can we purchase a Christmas tree ready for the Christmas fair – APPROVED.	
<p>Date for next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9th October 2023• 13th November 2023• Christmas marketing – 30th November• 15th January 2024• 26th February 2024• 22nd April 2024• 3rd June 2024• AGM - 2nd September 2024	