



Kilmarnock Academy

Parent Council Meeting

4th September 2023

Atrium Hall, Kilmarnock Academy

Present:

Agenda Item	Action
<p>1. Welcome/Present and Apologies</p> <p>SC welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Attendees: Stephen Coyle (Chair), Jen Graham, Aileen Baillie, Fiona Anderson, Karen Paterson, Laura McChristie (acting Secretary), Allan Reid, Robert Joseph, Julie Connor, Carol MacInnes, Cllr Graham Boyd and Cllr Maureen McKay</p> <p>Apologies: Margaret Black, Donna Rae, Cllr Peter Mabon, Cllr Graham Barton</p>	
<p>2. Head Prefects</p> <p>DR welcomed the HP and invited them to give an overview of their role - HP role includes manage a group of 70 S6 prefects, supervise the first few weeks with S1, organise the timings for supervision at the doors at break and lunch, organise committees, speaking at assemblies and being involved in community meetings. School and HP's are happy with how things have been going in the first few weeks. DR emphasised the importance of the HP leadership role in the school and wider community.</p> <p>3. A report on the work of the Parent Council – Stephen Coyle</p> <p>During the last academic session, the parent council covered a wide range of topics and had a lot of input from various staff within the school. these included: DHT's areas of responsibility, exam results, well-being, inclusion and equality, Respect Me anti-bullying policy, employability and pupil destinations with real world examples, raising attainment, budget and cost of living/of the school day in connection with the wide range of support offered by the school, a session with Mr Hodge, Principal teacher for Maths, detailing his maths resources for different year groups, SQA results session and discussions regarding school bus provision</p>	
<p>4. Reselection/confirmation of Officer bearers</p> <p>Chair – Stephen happy to remain as Chair Secretary – Donna happy to remain as Secretary Both positions confirmed by the Parent Council</p>	

<p>5. Discussion of any issues from Parent Forum</p> <p>New s1 parent – more communication regarding some introductory aspects, satchel one, how to contact Parent Council, what the Twitter address is – DR and AB to review and take forward.</p> <p>Communication from Parent Council to wider parent forum – how should we communicate? Minutes are on the app, 4 times a year newsletter and occasionally on twitter etc. Going forward a link on the app to the minutes. If members of the wider parent forum have any ideas, let members of the parent council know and they will bring to the next meeting</p>	DR/AB
<p>5. Timing and format of meetings</p> <p>Everyone confirmed they are happy to continue with meetings on a Monday.</p>	
<p>6. School Update</p> <p>DR and AB are the SLT representation on parent council. DR gave an update on many areas including recognising pupil voice, UNCR charter, rights of the pupil, pupil leadership academy where decisions will be taken on school improvements</p> <p>DR also outlined the support to pupils by the school, e.g. school drama trip costs met by PEF/other funding sources – and confirmed educational trips to be met by the school.</p> <p>With regard to the pop up shop in August, DR confirmed it was fairly well attended, with school uniform or resources freely available to all. Also delivered resources to families who couldn't attend the school to pick. The mail drop which goes out over the summer will be electronic next year.</p> <p>DR also gave a staffing update and detailed new staff, current vacancies and future plans for the session. He also confirmed the Standards and Quality Report and School Improvement Plan are on blog, thanked parent council for their input.</p> <p>The SQA results session will come back later in the session when all data is back.</p> <p>DR advised that SLT are currently ensuring that statutory responsibilities in respect of ASN pupils are being met. – checking on staff in respect of ASN and if staff know what pupil's requirements are. Review the data to ensure DR/SLT are happy</p> <p>DR also advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -William McIlvanney Campus is the only promethean trained campus - Satchel one update – current review to ensure all staff are using, drive by digital committee. - work has been ongoing to ensure senior phase have appropriate curriculum - uniform standards have been great, reiterated thanks to parents. - Fun run coming up – forms to be handed in - pupils can come in and pre order before school and at interval. - GB asked if there is an uptake since introduction of crunch deal? - DR confirmed it is very busy, will need to come back as this could be for multiple reasons 	

<p>AB – queried whether the parent council wanted to incorporate an ECHR article for to tie in with what the parent council does?</p> <p>Parent Improvement plan – AB discussed the potential topics for the parent council meetings for session 2023/24, and this was approved by the parent council.</p> <p>AB advised that the school is currently reviewing subject choices – intention to remove columns, and working with what the pupils want and reviewing how removing subject columns could work at KA. For s4 onwards as s1-3 need a broad general curriculum.</p>	<p>SC</p>
<p>7. AOCB None</p>	
<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>The AGM will be held on Monday 2nd October 2023 at 6.30 pm in the school conference room.</p>	