



Kilmarnock Academy

Parent Council Meeting

13th May 2024

Conference Room, Kilmarnock Academy

Present: David Rose, Angela Brownlie Stephen Coyle, Donna Rae, Aileen Baillie, Jen Graham, Julie Connor, Fiona Anderson, Carol Macinnes, Laura McChristie, Karen Paterson, Allan Reid, Graham Boyd (Councillor), Graham Barton (Councillor), Neil Ingram (Councillor)

Parent Steering Group – Stephen Coyle

SC provided an update from the recent steering group which was attended by Laura and George from ARA who reiterated that the trial for removal of subsidised travel would commence at the beginning of June. SC advised that the committee had questioned them about guaranteeing Stagecoach wouldn't pull out during the trial. They confirmed there will be 3 buses from the top of Kilmarnock to the school and back. The steering group have asked for feedback from the trial to be shared at the earliest opportunity. During our discussion attendees asked for clarity regarding Kilmarnock South, as the communications from ARA weren't as clear as they could be. A response from ARA following this meeting confirmed that those from Kilmarnock South using subsidised transport will be expected to use general service buses provided by Stagecoach. All information on the trial can be found [here](#) the trial will run between Wednesday 29th May until Friday 14th June. SC mentioned that planned walking sessions are planned, to obtain feedback from pupils themselves. DR confirmed that 6 pupils will be supporting the walk on 20th June at 1pm from North of the town. DR confirmed after the meeting that St Joesph's Academy will be supporting the walk from Kilmarnock South to gain feedback on that safe walking route. All were reminded that this is the first step in the plans by ARA and that further communication will be shared in due course at each stage. A parent asked if data would be collected on attainment v lateness which DR confirmed the school already collates and analyses some of this information, however there may be additional reviews required to identify any new trends or impact of these changes. DR advised that 1% drop in attendance can translate to 3% drop in attainment.

SC advised other discussions around capital spending/budget, secondary leavers data and positive destinations were also discussed. The steering group were advised of an Attendance Suppositum which is reviewing all data from ECC to Secondary.

Sharing Practice – Review of the session

DR advised that the school continue to focus on topics such as attendance and safety surveys which will come out on the app soon. Future school improvement plans will take a slightly different format next year, but this review is a key part of the process alongside the survey as part of consultation. DR reminded everyone to complete the survey which was sent on the weekly head teachers update on Friday 3rd May.

AB led the parent council through a review of the Parent Improvement Plan (PIP) for 2023/24. Making use of the promethean technology the group reviewed each focus area set out for this year and discussed the impact of these focus areas. This will help shape the plans for the next sessions.

AOCB – David Rose

A question around arrangements for Prom were discussed and DR confirmed information would be pushed through the app shortly.

This meeting was the final of this academic year, DR thanked everyone for their contributions and discussion throughout the sessions. A thank you to Karen Paterson for her contributions across the years, we look forward to seeing her in a few years' time.

The next parent council meeting will be held on Monday 6th September at 6.30pm in the conference room, Kilmarnock Academy. This meeting will be the AGM and new members will be most welcome to join.

If you have anything you'd like to bring to the attention of the parent council, please get in touch by emailing kilmarnockacademyparentcouncil@gmail.com , you can also keep up to date with updates on the Kilmarnock Academy Parent Council Facebook page.