**Kilmarnock Academy**

**Parent Council Meeting**

**2nd September 2024**

Conference Room, Kilmarnock Academy

**Present:** David Rose, Angela Brownlie Stephen Coyle, Donna Rae, Aileen Baillie, Jen Graham, Julie Connor, Fiona Anderson, Laura McChristie, Lynsey Kerr, Clare Purewal, Elaine Paton, Margaret Black, Allan Reid, Graham Boyd (Councillor), Neil Ingram (Councillor), Owen Thomas, Eubh Baillie. Apologies Robert Joseph, Carol MacInnes

**Welcome and Introduction to Head Prefects – David**

DR welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the academic year and introduced the new Head Prefects for this year, Owen Thomas and Eubh Baillie. Eubh and Owen then introduced themselves and explained that they are working on helping young people build strong relationships with their teachers and the student voice. They explained some of their responsibilities such as the leaver committee, prom committee and yearbook. Eubh and Owen both attended the leadership conference before summer and have already made a positive impact representing the voice of their fellow prefects and students at the school. Councillor NI asked both if they will have a role in the children’s and young persons cabinet, which DR confirmed that the school is already represented on that cabinet.

**Report of the work of the Parent Council – Stephen Coyle**

SC recapped what the parent council covered in the last academic year, reminding everyone of the various areas covered including positive destinations, equally safer schools, attainment results and digital wellbeing. Details of these can be found in previous minutes online.

SC briefly mentioned that ARA are reviewing the walking routes tested during the transport trial at the end of the last academic year and that they are looking to take a paper to cabinet in September.

**Reselection/Confirmation of office bearers – Stephen Coyle**

Stephen Coyle was happy to continue as parent council Chair for the upcoming year and Donna Rae agreed to continue as Secretary. It was agreed that meetings will continue on Monday evenings in the main, with some adjustments for public holidays/parents’ evenings when needed.

**General Update – David Rose**

DR covered some updates including staff updates following promotions, and new post fulfilment during the summer. This year will see 5 NQTs within the school and DR confirmed that one appointment that has taken place also has some home economic skills and will be picking up some sessions in that area this year. Initial results from last year were covered with the attendees.

Freshers’ fayre will take place wc 9th September to introduce the new pupils to all the clubs they can get involved in. The Prefects have done a great job this year so far, and DR and the teachers are extremely proud of what they have done already.

It is now just over 7 years since the school was established after the merger and DR and the team are looking to create the “Kilmarnock Standard”, which details what every pupil should expect to get from every class they attend. A copy of this was shared with the attendees by AB and she explained that although this has been in place in some capacity already, this formality of the standard will ensure all classes deliver the standard.

**School Improvement Plan for 2024/25 – Angela Brownlie**

AB took the attendees through the school improvement plan for this academic year and asked for input or any additional things that the members would like to be covered. This will commence at the next meeting in October.

**AOCB – David Rose**

DRae requested that the KAPC Facebook page be changed to a group to allow multiple administrators. Agreed with attendees that this will be done as well as setting up a new X account (formally twitter)

The Christmas fayre will be taking place again this year, the members confirmed they will hold the bottle stall this year again and will start plans at the next meeting.

Councillor GB advised the attendees that Wellpark Avenue will be closed for resurfacing from Monday 9th September for c. 3 days. This news will be shared on the school app and has been shared on the KAPC Facebook page.

AB advised that the school are nominated for the Scots language award, with voting closing on Sunday 8th September. There is also a visit planned for the digital wellbeing award wc 9th September.

The next parent council meeting will be held on Monday 7th October at 6.30pm in the conference room, Kilmarnock Academy. If you would like to join the parent council, please come along on the evening.

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.