

Shawlands Academy PCTC meeting on Monday 20th Feb from 6:30-8pm.

Apologies: Julia Chau and Cherif Merrouche

Present: Elaine Hunter (chair) , Kate Anstey (co-chair), Stephanie Summers, Claire Roberts, Steph Hay, Helen Wallace, Pauline Carr, Carol Cutler and Ivonne Hughes.

1. Welcome by chair: Dr Elaine Hunter
2. The minutes from Dec 2022 were approved
3. Discussion to organise an event for parents of P7 to S1 transition pupils
  - Pauline agreed to contact the Headteachers from the feeding primaries to get the contact details of the Chairs of their Parent Councils
  - Prepare a flyer with the renaming on the PCTC to be “Family and School Partnership” and prepare banners for the 1st May P7 to S1 transition event, rebranding is meant to be more inclusive. Pauline will send a form to explain the reasons behind rebranding of the PCTC.
  - Organise PCTC presentation at the May P7 to S1 transition event to introduce ourselves and potentially recruit new parents/members.
  - Have a stall to distribute leaflets to introduce the PCTC which hopefully by then would have a new name.
  - Send the flyer/leaflet digitally to all P7 parents/carers via the Primary Headteacher distribution/communication list.
  - A Parent Portal sessions will take place in May and June
4. Discussion regarding the budget cut proposals and impacts to education services as per email sent to all parents.
  - Pauline gave an explanation of the potential impact on the school services in the case of budget cuts, i.e. dyslexia,etc., more detailed information is available on the Headteacher report.
5. Headteacher report: Pauline Carr
  - Student voice - young people partnership inspired by House Captains
  - Discussion on whether people wanted the Conversational Spanish and French events to be run again
  - Carol will circulate a flyer with information of 3 pilot sessions for P7, S1 and 2.
  - Pauline gave a brief on the Inspection; detailed information is available on the Headteachers report and the Commission website.
6. Treasurer's report
  - Stephanie Summers The current balance is £4,335.34.
  - We could help towards DoE costs, as there is the need to recruit somebody to undertake the expeditions

- Could support the Apparel Exchange event, students want to run a switching event to exchange clothes.

7. AOB:

- The Blazer rental proposal from Apparel Exchange was mentioned
- Discussion of preparation of letter to SQA
- National strikes and Targeted strikes were discussed, as they amounted to potentially 6 days.
- Discussion on when to invite Susan Aiken who responded to our query regarding budget cuts; however bearing in mind that other parties should also need to be invited, if this goes ahead.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Apr 2023.