

Dumfries Academy Parent Council

Minutes

03/10/23

Present:

Mrs Joanne Dillon Rector, Dr Julianna Gordon DHT, Sharron Harper Chair, Laura Farrell – Vice Chair, Lucile Giriat Treasurer, Liza Vinnie -Secretary, Skye S6 Pupil

Apologies

Melanie McEwen, Laura Farrell, Kirsty Hulme

Welcome: SH welcomed all members and introduced an S6 Leadership Team representative **Skye**

Matters Arising (from May 2023):

Role of secretary is now filled and so all positions within the parent council are now filled.

- Flyers for parent council lottery were printed and distributed at the S1 Games Night
- LV represented the Parent Council at the Games Night; event was well attended and hosted. All parents were engaged and welcomed to attend the next Parent Council meeting.

HT Report

Joanne shared her HT update.

Treasurer Report:

Lucile shared the Treasurer update, as follows:

As of 30/09/2023 there is **£1,557.61 in PC account (incl £68.00 on PC Paypal account)**

Income since last meeting: **£460** from lottery (May to September)

Expenditures since last meeting (May 2023):

Total of £350 (£330 lottery prizes and £20 donation to school for fairtrade coffee morning)

Outstanding expenditures:

£10 June Lottery - waiting for bank details of winner

£20 2nd prize January 23 lottery – waiting for bank details of winner

Lottery is now making a profit and number of participants is now 45.

End of Year financial statement will be submitted to Dumfries and Galloway Council after this meeting on 03/10/2023 to allow this year's Education allowance to be paid to PC.

Community Events

- Skye introduced herself briefly explaining about the Events and Community group who meet once per week, Skye stated this was becoming difficult as although there are 10 members sometimes secondary meetings collide.

- Skye stated that the community welcome event planned had to be postponed due to low stall attendance, rescheduled to 8th November.
- LG offered to reach out to contacts such as Citizen's Advice to attend with a stall; SH suggested Young Carers'.
- LG suggested families bring food to celebrate different cultures within the school.
- JD stated Miss Bone runs the Fairtrade Committee.
- SH thanked Skye for attending and excused her from the meeting.
- Fairtrade coffee morning raised £550.
- Burns Supper – Group to be formed to discuss further details. JG and JD both advised they have piper contacts, JD noted there are talented pupils within the school who can perform and stated that previously, dancers from Erasmus had attended. JG suggested poems from pupils could be read aloud. LG proposed some of these could be read in different languages.
- SH stated she can potentially access Burns Supper decorations/items from a previous role. Date to be discussed for Burns Supper meeting.
- P7 induction – SH and LV will be in attendance as representatives for the Parent Council.

Breakfast Club

JD gave a presentation on introducing a Breakfast Club based on evidence which suggests pupils who have breakfast in the morning feel more ready to learn. JD has reached out for funding support to various organisations and asked the PC if they would be happy to help with a donation. LG asks if yearly donation is more helpful or if 'as and when needed' is better. JD accepted as and when needed.

The club will run as follows:

- S1-S3 Breakfast club 8.30am Monday
- Senior Breakfast club 8.30am Friday
- JD noted equality boxes with items such as toiletries, sanitary items, magazines and leaflets with helpful information are to be provided within the breakfast club.
- Sustainable staffing for breakfast club – SH suggested community volunteers.
- JD expressed hope that the breakfast club will have a positive impact so it can continue.
- A vote was taken on funding applications to go ahead and all members present accepted.

Satchel One Presentation

Satchel one presentation moved forward to next meeting.

MOOL LG introduced MOOL and asked for support towards the refugees housed on Annan Road, mainly for warm clothing for teenage to older men. JD advised a post would be shared on the Dumfries Academy Facebook page; SH agreed to additionally share this on the PC page.

AOCB JD advised applications were now closed for the DHT post and requested that a PC member join the interview panel. SH accepted. Interviews will take place next week. JD advised an additional member may be required too.

Date of next meeting: 15/11/2023 at 6.30pm.

