



DA Parent Council Meeting 5th March 2025

Present L Vinnie (Chair) , L. Giriat (Treasurer) , M McEwen(Minute) , Joann Dillon (HT) J. Gordon

Matters Arising

Lottery has now been closed – any remaining payments will be treated as donations and show separately in our accounts as such. Feb Donations were £34 as 17 people still paying.

Action: Note for accounts(LG) Action: Check with Vanessa Morris if we can set up a Just Giving Page (LV)

JD considering review of uniform. Meeting with pupil council to take place with a focus on social areas.

Parents Evenings – Twenty to thirty positive views gathered by JD and as a result the following the rescheduling suggested has been actioned and digital booking introduced.

Reports – feedback is mixed on tutor vs subject versions for S1-S3. Suggestion to move forward is a general tutor report in S1 with subject reports from S2 onwards. The balance of information provided through Satchel one and reports will be reconsidered.

Burns Supper – although not hugely profitable in cash terms it was agreed it is an important and positive experience for the school in terms of inclusion and culture. Parents attend this who are not always attending other events.

Action – arrange a debrief meeting with M. Kell (MMc)

Ideas to scope:

Selling tables to partners/businesses/community groups

Date proposed 13 February

Whole evening in Dining Hall and not split in the hall.

Action School App Subscriptions to be discontinued (JD)

Action Poster to be made for Employability Event and Banners to be Ordered for PC MMc

Updated statement for PC Page on School Website to be provided:

- Lottery Statement
- Events
- Share Link to new FB page

HT Report - Summary

- Positive destinations above average for the authority and on the rise.
- Maximising attendance remains a focus
- Finance being used appropriately to increase capacity in digital resources
- Mobile Phone Policy will be evaluated
- 10 million has been granted by councillors and JD will meet with council officers to understand how will this will be used for Dumfries Academy School Building Project.
- Quality Assurance continuing to have a positive impact in driving improvements. Pupil Voice a significant element and 40-50 pupils have been involved including in faculty reviews.

Treasurers Report

Attached

AOB

Events and Fundraising

It was agreed that there needs to clarity around events and fundraising to ensure best use of funds and to minimise extra work for office staff and treasurer.

PC Fundraising – all funds to be banked by PC and separate box and sum up machine to be provided.

Action – apply for sum up machine (LG)

Following discussion it was agreed that the Parent Council will offer planned support by ‘Donating’ funds to individual committees who bid for resources.

Action Provide a list of Committees (JD/JG)

Committees to ‘Pitch’ to PC in June for funding for the year.