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|  |  Parent Council Meeting 29th November 2021  |
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| Attendees      Apologies   Guests  | **Calum Johnston – Head Teacher** **Carrie Davidson – Secretary** **Fiona Gibson – Treasurer** **William Simson - PC Member** **Yvonne Bennet – PC Member****June Murphy – Chair** **Dolores Laird – PC Member** **Karen Duff – Parent****Craig Leckie - Parent****Kaleigh Morton – Principle teacher of developing young workforce** |

JM thanked all members for attending meeting and covered apologies

CJ welcomed KM to the meeting and handed over to KM to present her role.

KM – explained in detail her role as Principle teacher of developing young workforce. Contextualising education into the world of work, linking class work to life skills. Recent careers day which due to Covid constraints had to be a virtual event but still involved employers and universities.

KM works closely with Ayrshire College who offer 6 weeks of college experience to 2nd year pupils who can attend college for science experiments, trades for construction, childcare and cooking.

7 current areas at present which include: fashion, construction, cyber security, Nail bar, Barista and smoothie bar, childcare and cycle maintenance.

Several pupils progress to college course following practical experience opportunities within the school setting. All courses are run by Ayrshire College. They are set up as businesses with pupils own uniforms provided.

KM is in charge of work placements. These again have been virtual due to Covid constraints. At present they are very limited out with the virtual component and re prioritised to those who are leaving school and require the experience.

KM also works closely with careers advisors and supporting and assisting with college and job applications. “My world of work” online resource starts in 1st year and gradually builds each year through the CV’s and personal statements.

**Head Teacher report – Calum Johnston**

* Advised that John Herd, Deputy Head Teacher of Parkend House had been requested by Director of Education to work at Lockhart Campus until end of June 2022 taking with him 17years experience at Auchenharvie Academy.
* Prelims, majority vote for January 2022 start which has been accepted and will commence week beginning 10th January 2022 Prelim timetable will be issued this week and will run from 12-28th January 2022.
* Aware of high anxiety level in pupils regarding prelims
* Very likely to be full exam diet at end of term despite multiple feedback and requests to work from alternative models
* Reiterated social and emotional needs of new 1st year group. Underage drinking, sexual activity, drug misuse, domestic abuse, physical and emotional abuse of children
* 4th year group, social issues within groups. Lacking maturity and social skills
* Parent’s evenings, tracking reports for 3rd years. 1st parent’s night scheduled for next month. Software programme has been purchased to support online event. 14th December 2021 for 3rd year parent’s night, 7 minute appointments, email address, pupil name inputted which populated subjects and teachers. Feedback at next meeting
* Pupils representing school at remembrance service were excellent and did the school proud. Bugler, readings and choir all well presented supporting services at Stevenston and Saltcoats. Several positive feedbacks to school highlighting window display on front of school for remembrance day.
* 50th Anniversary of the opening of Auchenharive Academy on 9th November 1971 Tentative plans to acknowledge and celebrate the anniversary will be arrange when Covid restrictions allow.

KD – update on blazer badges, best left with current supplier in Paisley

FG – Accounts have now been audited. Current balance is £5707.54

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JM – New banner for front of school has been bought and paid for. Still to be put up.

FG – resigning from PC, new treasurer required. CD willing to take over roll if another PC member wishes to take secretary roll. Will discuss again at next meeting.

**Next meeting**

Monday 31st January 2022

Guest speaker Norri Brown