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|  |  Parent Council Meeting  28th August 2023 (Zoom) |
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| Attendees      Apologies   | Callum Johnston – Head Teacher June Murphy – Chair Carrie Davidson – Secretary Craig Leckie - TreasurerYvonne Bennet – PC memberJulie Cameron – Parent Karen Duff – PC MemberLinda Mahood – Parent  |

JM thanked all members for attending meeting and covered apologies. Previous minutes accepted.

**Head Teacher Report**

CJ advised more information would be available at the next meeting with regards to exam results. Initial indications show a very positive result for pupils, an excellent year. Appeals were continuing at present with a SQA deadline of the end of this week.

CJ thanked the PC and parent community for their patience in relation to ongoing school closure. CJ advised NAC policy for water testing is 4 weekly, 6 monthly and annually. School toilets were being refurbished, pipe work was being replaced and on completion a 4 weekly test was due, and tests showed a positive result for legionella. CFD was carried out, system was flushed, and water sampling was obtained again which was negative for legionella but failed in relation to particle content and temperature. The system was further cleaned and flushed with further sampling results due tomorrow. NAC have arranged a cleaning team to

carry out a Deep Clean of the full school tomorrow. The school will reopen the day after satisfactory results are confirmed. Alternative arrangements have been put in place with S1 attending St Matthews academy, S2 going to the Ardrossan Civic Centre and S3 being located in the Saltcoats Town Hall. S4-S6 had home school provisions in place with a move to face to learning implemented by S4 being hosted at Kilwinning Academy and S5 & S6 at St Matthews Academy. CJ has been very pleased with the behaviour from the pupils with positive feedback from the host venues. CJ is aware that the situation is not ideal and aims to have all pupils back in school as soon as is feasible.

CJ has tried to make communication accessible to everyone including videos, letters, social media and the school website. Attendance last week was 94% for S1-S3. Strong attendance today for S4-S6. CJ acknowledged the anxiety and stress that the situation has caused for some pupils and home schooling has been enabled for these pupils.

CL highlighted an issue for S4 pupils due to difficulties at Kilwinning Academy affecting their ability to access course materials. CJ advised he has taken Chromebooks to assist with learning materials and confirmed that he was aware on an issue with WiFi at St Matthews Academy which had been rectified. YB confirmed her daughter had no issues at Kilwinning Academy.

CJ and JM met with Andy Sutton in school last Friday to update on the situations. All parties are hopeful to back in school this week.

JM highlighted that the FB page was closed following negative parental feedback on the page and acknowledged tht communication from the school was informative and well presented. CJ had highlighted to JM a lot of sectarian chat on FB regarding pupils temporarily attending St Matthews Academy.

The implementation of the traffic pillows with discussed within the group with positive and negative feedback given. Further discussion will take place with feedback later this term.

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JM advised a board rather than a banner was being made to be fixed to the fence to highlight the PC to parents and visitors.

JM confirmed that the accounts have now been audited and going forward annual audits from August to June.

YB has packaged S1 gifts – pencil, pencil case, PC sticker and leaflet and these will be distributed to S1's when back in school

JC has agreed to take over admin of PC FaceBook page

Suggestions for guest speakers:

* Norri Brown
* School nurse
* Outreach teachers
* College course representatives
* Family learning team
* Outreach teachers
* Homeschool support staff

YB asked if PC could help in regards sectarian behaviour on social media, agreed could be discussed with CJ at next meeting. YB has a niece in 4th year at university who is writing a dissertation on sectarianism.

Fundraising – suggestion of Race night, psychic night were discussed but not all PC members comfortable with ticket selling. A suggestion of “non-ticket selling” fund raiser was suggested with further ideas to be suggested. No plans arranged.

**Date of next meeting**

Monday 25th September 2023