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|  |  Parent Council Meeting  26th February 2024  |
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| Attendees      Apologies   | Callum Johnston – Head Teacher Carrie Davidson – Secretary Craig Leckie - TreasurerKaren Duff – PC MemberYvonne Bennet – PC memberJulie Cameron – ParentJune Murphy – Chair    |

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

**Head Teacher Report**

CJ started by informing the PC the North Ayrshire Council is due to set the budget this week and further details will follow. There are no teacher cuts expected at Auchenharvie Academy.

The Scottish Government attainment data is due to be released 27th February 2024 and will go towards information for league tables which are statistically affected negatively by S4 leavers. CJ advised that 97% of leavers had positive destinations.

CJ advised that study leave is “pencilled in” at present to start at 1450 on Friday 19th April 2024 with the 1st exam scheduled for Monday 22nd April 2024 with all pupils returning to their timetable on Thursday 30th May 2024. Details will be confirmed this week.

CJ informed the aim to “bump up” year groups to their new timetable will be on Tuesday 7th May 2024.

CJ is awaiting confirmation but expecting funding from the council to pay for Easter School. Master classes will be running again on the day before each exam. Again, exam breakfasts will be available.

CJ advised that questionnaires had been sent to parents regarding the use of mobile phones in school. This is part of the Scottish agenda at Government level. Consultations with staff, pupils and parents/carers are all taking place and will be discuss with the pupil council and parent council. CJ highlighted the use of ear buds is concerning in relation to technology advances and ability to cheat under test and exam conditions. CJ is looking at possibly restricting the use of ear buds to canteen and playground only and not in classrooms or corridors and recognises that this will require consistency by staff.

CJ advised the school improvement plan for 2024/2025 sessions will be forwards for feedback on Wednesday 28th February 2024.

Linda Davis, depute head, is reviewing the positive relations policy and feedback will be requested later this week.

CJ information that Auchenharive Academy is 1 of 4 secondary schools which have been awarded additions English and maths teachers for 9 weeks starting on Monday 15th April 2024 to focus on numeracy and literacy, particularly in lower academic levels and teaching the fundamentals of maths and English.

KD highlighted the inappropriate parking at the end of the school day, in particular the parking on the double yellow lines outside the main entrance. CJ advised he would ask PC McLellan to monitor and manage.

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JM and YB met a psychologist and discussed the topic of kindness. The suggestion of a “kindness café” was thought to be of positive impact but unfortunately unrealistic with the need for resources. The PC suggested possible coffee/barista morning at the end of term for the pupils with ??a speaker/someone the pupils could speak with being available. Will discuss further at next meeting.

The PC highlighted the lack of consistency with uniform policy and adherence.

CL suggested a possible donation to the exam breakfast cost from the PC, will discuss with CJ at next meeting.

**Date of next meeting**

Monday 25th March 2024