

Kirklandpark Parent Council AGM 24th October 2023 Minutes

Attended

Mrs Laing- Head Teacher
Mr McPhilemy- Depute Head Teacher
Iain Grant
Fiona Cook
Lauren Thompson

Apologies

Fiona Marsh
Karen Messer
Alison Steel
Robert McNair

- Low attendance numbers noted but agreed by all present that AGM should proceed.

Review of Previous Year

- Pre-loved stall was a big success last year. Surplus donated clothing returned to school from stand at Climate Action Strathaven over the summer. This was put out on recent parent's evening again with good interest.
- Attachment A-Z: was discussed at length last year but unfortunately difficult to take forward. DL advised a member of staff who has joined the school is looking to take this forward for the coming year.
- Expansion of extracurricular activities: lots of interest in this from school and parent council and FC involved in this. Unfortunately due to Active Schools co-ordinator being on maternity leave this was difficult to take forward.

Moving forward

- Expansion of extra-curricular activities: DL advised that the Active Schools co-ordinator was on further maternity leave. A named contact has been given but no backfill for post. FC will try make contact with the named person from Active Schools. The pupils' views on extracurricular activities were recently obtained through the PEF questionnaire. DL will forward these to FC.
- Attachment A-Z: it was agreed that this was an important topic to continue with. DL advised a member of staff is looking to take this forward and Parent Council could support this by obtaining parents' views on how best this would work for families.
- School entrance: DL discussed how the design of the main entrance to the school may appear unwelcoming to some pupils especially in P1 and looking to explore ways to improve this. It was suggested the parent council could explore grants for planters/materials and later engage parent/carer support to be involved with planting. It was noted a survey has recently been conducted by Grow Together, a new

charity set up with the aim to form a community garden in Strathaven, who are considering applying for an asset transfer for the disused ash pitch at the rear entrance of the school.

- Guest speaker events: DL advised pre-Covid there was occasionally evening events at school where guest speakers would speak on topics relating to childrens' wellbeing e.g. cybersafety. Although this is not part of this year's improvement plan it was floated as a possible idea of restarting these either as an evening with individual speakers or a 'mini-conference'.

Election of new office bearers

- IG advised he will be retiring as chair of the Parent Council. Thank you to Iain for all his input over the last couple of years.
- FC advised she is willing to remain as Vice Chair
- LT offered to become Chair and this was accepted
- KM (in her absence) advised she was willing to remain as Secretary
- The above posts were elected and agreed upon by Parent Council members present

Next Meeting

- TBC