

## **Kyle Academy Parent Council**

### **Parent Council Meeting – Tuesday 26 March 2024**

**Present:** M Byrne, S Cooper, A D’Amico, M Dorward, J Elliot, M Ford, L Lauchlan, C McClung, E McHarg, K McHarg, L Morrison, E Muir, S Robertson, M Thomas-C, A Wilson

**Chair:** M Ford

#### **1. Minutes of last Parent Council meeting**

Minutes proposed and seconded.

#### **2. Head Teacher’s Report – M Byrne**

MB provided a report on recent events. See attached.

#### **3. School Captains’ Report – E McHarg**

EM provided a round up of the work of the School Captains and their plans for their last day.

#### **4. S2 Year Group Committee – Review of School Uniform – J Elliot and E Muir**

EM and JE gave a presentation summarising the findings of the uniform survey the conducted with pupils and parents.

309 responses from pupils across all year groups

- 95% wear uniform every day or almost all days
- Most agree it looks smart and it means you don’t have to think about what to wear
- Only a few think uniform improves behaviour but more think it makes you feel part of a community
- 64% were in favour of a Kyle hoodie. 12% were against. Most thought a hoodie was more comfortable and warmer than a jumper. Some thought it was better for wet weather.

159 responses from parents

- Most (85%) were happy with our uniform
- Most think it is affordable, smart and creates a sense of community.
- Most (89%) would be happy with a Kyle hoodie

Opinions were mixed about blazers

- Most pupils said they did not wear one
- Slightly more than half of parents said their child did not wear one and most said it was seasonal
- Most think they are not affordable but were split over whether we should look into a cheaper option

The S2 committee proposed two changes.

- a. Introduce a Kyle hoodie
- b. Introduce a summer uniform for hot weather

The Parent council were in favour of introducing a hoodie. They suggested the Kyle badge on it and the option of Kyle blue. It was agreed to pilot a summer uniform of back shorts and a white short sleeved school shirt.

**ACTIONS**

MB and Committee to contact suppliers for hoodies

## **5. Astro Pitch**

AD and MB shared progress since our last meeting was discussed. Freedom of Information request has disclosed that Kyle is the only school in North, South and East Ayrshire without an all-weather pitch. Councillor C Cullen approached L McRoberts on behalf of the Parent Council. He reported that there is no funding however, they could consider a bridge over the river Ayr to the facilities. C Blackadder has met with Scottish Football Association who thought it would cost just under a million. They could potentially fund 50% of the build, possibly 65% if we can ensure we are meeting requirements such as promoting girls into football. We would need a team to support our bid and be prepared to guarantee regular use of the facilities.

### **ACTIONS**

- AD to contact C Cullen and inform him we would only be looking for half or less of the original sum.
- MB and CB to look for affiliate clubs to support bid.

## **6. Attendance**

JL provided an update on ongoing work on attendance.

- Letter will be issued to all parents after Easter sharing the context of the work and highlighting the impact of good attendance on wellbeing, relationships and learning.
- Certificates will continue to be issued to pupils with attendance of 95% and above.
- Two clerical staff are currently updating attendance where we do not have a reason for absence. This is being scrutinised by SAC.
- Plans are in place to engage with P7s with low attendance to build relationships with families.
- Focus group of parents have been suggested as a way to drill into the reasons for low attendance. It was suggested these take place off campus in a more informal setting.

## **7. Work Experience**

MB asked if parents would ask about for employers to offer work experience placements.

### **ACTIONS**

MB will ask Miss Anderson, PT of Skills and Employability, to attend the next meeting to share our work experience strategy.

## **8. AOCB**

M Ford will represent the Parent Council at the YPI final on 19 April.

LL asked that the school considers putting forward acts for the PresFest Talent Show which takes place in August. MB will inform Mrs Williamson.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 30 April 2024 in school**