

## **Kyle Academy Parent Council**

### **Parent Council Meeting – Tuesday 31 January 2023**

**Present:** J Assur, P Assur, M Byrne, S Cooper, M Cusick, M Davies, M Dorward, C McClung, K McHarg, E Montgomery, I Montgomery, L Morrison, R Rodger, S Steinlet, A Wilson

**Apologies:** A D'Amico, M Ford

**Chair:** M Cusick

#### **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.

MC noted the Cluster Christmas Concert was highly enjoyable.

#### **3. School Captains**

School Captains gave an update on their plans for the S6 Burns Supper on 8 February and the arrangements for their last school day on 21 April. They have also been busy with winter assessments and helping at parents' nights.

#### **4. Study Club Funding – L Anderson**

Mrs Anderson is PT of Raising Attainment (Tracking) with responsibility for monitoring the attainment of young people who face additional challenges (PEF). She started the study club in October. It runs Tuesday to Friday from 8.15am. Over 100 young people have attended since it began with many pupils coming regularly each morning. Over 33% of S1 have attended and 20% of S2. Depts provide extra homework

Until now breakfast items have been provided through a community partnership with Morrisons. Unfortunately, this funding has been cut and they will no longer be supplying our Breakfast Club or our Study Club. The PC were asked for suggestions for funding. Currently it is costing £10 to £15 per week to run.

**MB/LA will send a letter to parents asking for sponsorship for the club.**

**KM will generously donate a toaster.**

#### **5. Christmas Fair debrief and future fundraising plans**

Christmas Fair on 1 December was a great success and raised £1201 in total. Suggestions for next year to build on this included:

- Food truck
- Seated coffee area – free teas and coffees
- Barista – charge extra for Hot chocs etc
- Bigger space – dining hall, foyer and other spaces?
- Charge more for a stall (£10 this year - £20 next?)

- Card reader
- More pupil involvement like the enterprise group

Ensuring there are minimal costs associated with the school day will be a priority going forward. The School Fund will need to subsidise student activities and buses so that we are charging very little for all events. We will need a steady income to be able to do this. S6 captains are organising a Summer Fete on 8 June and would welcome Parent Council support. This will be a community building event and raise money for the School Fund.

- Barbecue
- Tuck shop
- Teas and coffees
- Raffle
- Stalls
- Beach volleyball or football tournaments (pay to sign up a team)
- Invite P7s as part of transition

MD suggested a breakdown of the proposed spend on activities such as The Big Day Out and buses for trips so that parents can see where the money is going and donate accordingly. **MB will provide this for the next meeting.**

MT-C asked if we should have a separate fundraising group. **This will be considered and discussed again at the next meeting.**

## **6. Consultation on changes to assessment and reporting language in S1 to S3**

Current reporting is on progress through a level rather than current performance. The levels and stages make it difficult to differentiate between pupils of differing abilities and are not well understood by pupils and parents. Groups of PTs have been working on a new approach which we are planning to trial with S3.

Teachers would apply working grade to pupil's current performance (as we do in the Senior Phase). This would be A-D and different system would be used for pupils working at different level but progressing at their pace. Current S2 have been involved in creating pupil-friendly criteria that would go with the grades.

Next steps – all staff will be trying out the criteria on the IST; focus groups of parents will feedback on the approach and decide how best to share with parents.

**MB to letter Parent Council members asking if anyone would be interested in joining a focus group to look at the new working grades and feedback.**

### **AOCB**

MB congratulated Mrs Assur who was appointed to the post of PT of RME and Geography. She will take up post in April.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 28 Feb on Zoom**