

Kyle Academy Parent Council

Parent Council Meeting – Tuesday 31 August 2022

Sederant: M Byrne, P Assur, A Cosway, S Cooper, C Dunn, M Cusick, M Ford, Heslop, C Marr, K McHarg, C McClung, E Montgomery, I Montgomery, L Morrison, M Page, A Wilson, P, S,

Apologies:

1. Minutes of last Parent Council meeting (31 May 2022)

Minutes proposed and seconded.

2. Head Teacher's Report – M Byrne

MB provided a report on recent events. See attached.

3. School Captains

A Cosway and I Montgomery spoke on behalf of the school captains and gave an outline of their upcoming duties.

4. Initial SQA results

MB shared information about school performance in SQA courses this year before appeals.

- The attainment of this year's S4 cohort is in line with attainment pre-pandemic. **Over two thirds** of the year group achieved both Literacy and Numeracy qualifications at SCQF Level 5. Over half achieved at least 5 National 5s.
- The attainment of this year's S5 exceeds attainment of the last 5 years on record. Over one third achieved 5 Highers with 58% getting 3 Highers and 73% at least 1 Higher.
- The majority of S6 will leave with 5 Highers (58%) and 23% got at least one Advanced Higher.

The school is appealing for all pupils who achieved lower than their estimated grade which was based on demonstrated attainment. Results of appeals are received in October.

5. Duke of Edinburgh

Concerns were raised about the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition. This included concerns about communication and organisation prior to the trip, poor quality of the kit, and poor experiences during the trip.

A response from DS, SAC DofE Coordinator, stated that new practices have been put in place including an increase to the minimum amount of training required before being offered a place on expeditions, additional information provided prior to expeditions and the return of parents' information sessions prior to enrolment in the award which had been postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

MB will liaise with DS in advance of any expeditions in future.

6. Parental involvement and engagement

This has been included on this year's School Improvement Plan. MB outlined plans to increase opportunities for parents to share in young people's learning and the life of the school following Covid.

- In-person parents' evenings
- Sharing the learning event for S3
- Introduce learning show cases at parents' evenings
- Annual school summer fayre

7. Community relations

Prior to the summer holidays, MB lettered parents about behaviour in the community during lunchtimes. Reports about litter and anti-social behaviour are the most frequent. Suggestions to improve community relations included...

- litter picks
- Letter drop with headlines about school achievements
- Community coffee morning

8. Parent Council Office Bearers

Current chairs all happy to continue in post. Anyone who wishes to stand or to join current team is welcome to do so. This will be confirmed at AGM.

9. Plans for AGM and Parent Forum – Tuesday 27 September

The next meeting of the PC will be the Parent Forum. It was agreed this would be held in school with refreshments provided.

10. AOCB

Visit by Education Scotland for thematic review – this will take place on 15 September. Pre-visit questionnaires will be emailed to parents to be completed by 7 Sept.

Extra-curricular activities – a query about girl only basketball for younger pupils. MB will enquire

Satchel – currently looking at way to connect homework set on Microsoft Teams to Satchel. More info to follow.

Next Meeting: AGM and Parent Forum Tuesday 27 September

