

Kyle Academy Parent Council

Parent Council AGM and Parent Forum Meeting – Tuesday 24 September 2024

Present: V Berry (S1), M Byrne, S Cooper, A D’Amico (S6), C Dunn (S1/S4/S6), A Fairie (S1), M Ford (S5), E Johnstone (S1), K McHarg (S4), S Rice (S6), M Thomas-Cusick (S1/S4), P White

1. Minutes of last Parent Council meeting

Minutes proposed and seconded.

2. Convenors’ Report on the Work of the Parent Council 2023/24

See attached.

3. Office Bearers

The Kyle Parent Council has a community-led chair. Three parents share the role which has been working well. M Ford, M Thomas-Cusik, and K McHarg were approved to continue in the role.

4. Head Teacher’s Report – M Byrne

MB provided a report on recent events. See attached.

5. School Improvement Priorities

The school is at the start of a new three-year improvement cycle. MB shared the priorities going forward.

Priority 1: Wellbeing and inclusion

Reason: Ethos & community are key to improving attendance and engagement. If pupils feel valued and included, they will come to school and try their best. Achievement is not just academic, it is all aspects of the life of the school.

- Improve attendance
- Increase participation and achievement
- Improve equality and inclusion
- Improve outcomes of care experienced young people

Priority 2: Learning and teaching

Reason: We have spent the past three years establishing ourselves as a learning community with a strong focus on learning and teaching. We will continue to develop our practice across the school with raised expectations for the quality and consistency of practice across the school.

Priority 3: Raise attainment and achievement through a relevant and challenging curriculum

Reason: Average attendance declines from S1 to S3, we will begin the process of reviewing our curriculum to ensure it is relevant, challenging and motivating.

- Review S3 curriculum and transition to the Senior Phase to increase relevance and motivation
- Continue to work to reduce the gap between most and least deprived learners

More details can be found on the school website [here](#).

6. Topics for Parent Council 2024/25

Suggestions included:

- S3 curriculum and transition to SP
- Mobile Phone Policy
- Homework
- Communication with home

It was also suggested that parent views be gathered in advance of discussing at Parent Council so that more views from across the parent forum are taken into account.

It was agreed we would discuss communication at our next meeting and a survey to gather parent/carer views would be issued in advance.

7. AOCB

K McHarg joined a focus group for the Education Scotland review of the supports local authorities provide for schools to improve. Feedback from HMI was positive.

Extra-curricular activities and calendar has not yet been issued to parents – MB to action.

MB thanked S Cooper for her contribution to the school and to the Parent Council in her time at Kyle.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 29 October 2024