

Kyle Academy Parent Council

Parent Council Meeting – Tuesday 29 November 2022

Present: J Assur, P Assur, M Byrne, S Cooper, M Cusick, A D’Amico, M Ford, H Hamilton, L Lauchlan, K McHarg, E Montgomery, I Montgomery

Apologies: A Wilson; L Morrison; C McClung

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

School Captains gave an update on their Children in Need fundraising events. They raised a total of £6,788 with their talent show, car wash, bake sales and their live CIN Show on the Friday. They were congratulated by members of the Parent Council.

4. Parent Council chairpersons meeting report

K McHarg gave an update on the recent meeting for all the SAC Parent Council chairs.

- Scott Morrow outlined the support work in maths going on across the authority. MB advised that he had done a session with the maths dept this week. He runs parental workshops. Parents were keen for this to take place. MB will enquire.
- Lyndsay McRoberts provided an update on the industrial action planned in December and January. She will be writing to parents this week to inform them about the strike by SSTA and NSUWT which takes place on 7 December. MB stated that she was currently looking at if the school could open with only senior phase pupils. Staff do not cover for striking colleagues which will be the difficulty when there is a significant number of absent staff.
- Scott Mulholland has been appointed as Deputy Director of Education. He was previously a Quality Improvement Manager.
- Gavin Pitt provided information about the Ayrshire Growth Deal and plans to grow the economy and boost jobs in the area. Much of this is centred around the jobs associated with Skypath. K Anderson, new Principal Teacher of Skills and Employability, and S Cooper, Principal Teacher of Design and Technology, have been working closely with the authority to ensure Kyle is involved in any opportunities that arise. MB to invite her to a future Parent Council meeting to talk about the work going on.
- Sally Law, Literacy Development Officer for SAC, outlined plans to develop skills in reading across the authority.
- Sarah Pye talked about the national consultation about the future of Scottish Education. The Parent Council discussed this at the last meeting.

5. Evaluation Visit by South Ayrshire Council – 15/16 November

A team of Quality Improvement managers and senior leaders from other South Ayrshire Schools visited the school for two days on 15 and 16 November to carry out a 'Peer Improvement Visit'. They visited classrooms, talked to groups of staff and pupils and discussed the school's improvement priorities with senior leaders. It was a very positive visit with the team recognising how well the school was doing.

They were very positive about the staff and the leadership evident at every level and staff going above and beyond for our pupils. They said staff showed a clear, shared sense of direction. Learning observations were very positive and all pupils were engaged and motivated in classes.

They were also very positive about our young people who excelled themselves in the focus groups - talking about skills, learning conversations and how they knew they were making progress. Pupils were really positive about the school, their learning and relationships with staff.

6. Christmas Fair – update and plans

Plans for the Christmas Fair on 1 December are going well. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed time and ideas.

7. AOCB

SC advised that the school is trying to develop its business links and are looking for parents who might be able to support this.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 31 January on Zoom