

## **Kyle Academy Parent Council**

### **Parent Council Meeting – Tuesday 28 February 2023**

**Present:** P Assur, M Byrne, M Cusick, A D'Amico, M Dorward, M Ford, C McClung, K McHarg, E Montgomery, I Montgomery, L Morrison, R Rodger, S Steinlet

**Apologies:** S Cooper, S Lamont, 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**

IM gave an update on plans for the Summer Fete and asked for suggestions.

#### **Actions**

- MB to forward IM's email to MF so that she can forward her contacts for stalls
- MF to ask for stalls on Facebook
- KM to speak to contacts about games used at BB/Scout fundraisers

#### **4. School Fund and Cost of the School Day**

M Byrne gave a breakdown of spend from School fund to subsidise the cost of the School Day.

Outgoings include: subsidising Christmas parties, S1 lunch and Quiz prizes, Christmas packages for families in need, House rewards, subsidising Big Day Out, buying uniform items, transport costs for trips.

Going forward, income will come annually from Christmas Fair and Summer Fete. Discussion took place about possible donations from employers like NATs.

KM shared that other schools in the authority put a proportion of their fund raising for big charities like Children in Need to school funds. This is clearly communicated and supports both the charity and the school.

Another suggestion was looking at a different photography company to see if more revenue can be generated from school funds.

#### **Actions**

- MB to share newsletter with the things the school fund is used for with all parents. This could go out before a fundraising event so that families know how money benefits pupils.
- MB to email letter asking for Sponsorship to all parents and to our business links.
- Pupil Council to attend next meeting to talk about their work on reducing the cost of the school day.

## 5. Parent Council Chairperson meeting update

K McHarg gave an update from recent Chairpersons meeting. This included:

- K Keenan, HT of Virtual School. Her role is to look after Care Experienced children and young people across the authority. She shared some of the work being done to ensure they get same opportunities as others and leave with qualifications and positive destination.
- G Pitt, Quality Improvement Manager, asked for volunteers for the Education Appeals Panel who consider appeals for placing requests that have been refused among other things.
- L McRoberts, Director of Education, shared information about budget cuts, increases in number of families from Ukraine joining our schools, and the service improvement plan for next year which will have improving attendance as a priority.
- Consortium arrangements for pupils travelling to other secondary schools in South Ayrshire will end with the provision moving online. This is due to the cost of transport.

## 6. Parent Pay

At the moment Parent Pay is for school meals only. This was queried as paying for trips and events would be simplified if it was used for these also. CM explained that only 50% of parents had signed up at this point so the decision was to wait until August before implementing that part of the system. Some parents are having problems registering. An activation code and password are required. These were sent home in schoolbags.

### Actions

- MB to organise drop ins to help parents to register for Parent Pay.
- MB to put a link on website for how to register.

## 7. AOCB

**Impact of school strikes on SQA exams** – SS asked if there had been any communication from SQA about mitigations to make up for disruptions to learning. MB stated that she had no information about this but would keep parents informed.

**Project Prom Dress** – this has been an unexpected success with 200 dresses donated. The event is on 9 March. Discussion took place about including suits next year and getting donations to school fund from those selling.

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