

Kyle Academy Parent Council

Parent Council Meeting – Tuesday 27 August 2024

Present: O Armour, V Berry (S1), J Brady (S2), M Byrne, S Cooper, A D’Amico (S6), C Dunn (S1/S4/S6), A Fairie (S1), M Ford (S5), L Hill, E Johnstone (S1), L Lauchaln (S4), C Macdonald (S4), K McHarg (S4), C McClung (S3), L Morrison (S4), A Muchemwa (S6), M Thomas-Cusick (S1/S4), S Robertson (S6), P White, Zulfiqar (S6)

1. Minutes of last Parent Council meeting (5 June 2024)

Minutes proposed and seconded.

2. Head Teacher’s Report – M Byrne

MB provided a report on recent events. See attached.

3. School Captains

O Armour and L Hill introduced themselves and gave an outline of their upcoming duties. Since the start of term they have been helping the S1s and acting as guides.

4. Initial SQA results

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

In **S4**, exactly half achieved 5 National 5s with 43% getting 5 or more A/B grades. This is higher than the South Ayrshire average. All pupils achieved a qualification in both English and Maths with most achieving Literacy and Numeracy at SCQF Level 5 (National 5 level).

In **S5**, 41% achieved at least 3 Highers and 20% achieved 5 or more. Again, this is higher than South Ayrshire averages.

38% of **S6** pupils left with 5 or more Highers (64% of the year group as an S6 cohort) and 31% achieved 1 or more Advanced Highers (53% of S6 cohort).

Although figures have dipped this year, this is the picture across the local authority. Overall, the school’s attainment remains strong.

5. Plans for AGM and Parent Forum – Tuesday 24 September

The next meeting of the PC will be the Parent Forum. MF gave a brief outline of the format. There will be brief overview of the work of the PC over the last year and a chance for members to join the team of convenors.

6. AOCB

Mobile Phone Policy - in the light of new guidance from government it was agreed it would be appropriate for the PC to review the school’s current policy. Phone free Fridays and volunteers to put phones in ‘phone jail’ were discussed as a way to promote more time ‘disconnected’. MB to follow up.

School Canteen – VB asked about the school canteen. It is very busy and pupils cannot get a seat. MB advised that while the dinner hall is busy, there are always seats. Staff supervise every day and can help where required. If parents have a specific concern because their child is anxious about the

busyness or where they can sit, they should contact the guidance teacher who will help. There are no plans to expand the facilities at present.

Work Experience – CD thanked the staff who have been organising the work experience opportunities. Mrs Muir, Principal Teacher of Employability and Skills, has been working hard to match S4 pupils up with appropriate placements. MF reminded parents that parental involvement is crucial to ensure we have a wide range of placements on offer.

Next Meeting: AGM and Parent Forum Tuesday 24 September