

Kyle Academy Parent Council

Parent Council AGM and Parent Forum Meeting – Tuesday 27 September 2022

Sederant: M Byrne, A Conway, S Cooper, A D'Amico, M Dorward, C Dunn, D Gooding, H Hamilton, J Little, M Ford, C McClung, K McHarg, N McKay, E Montgomery, I Montgomery, M Page, S Rice, S Stienlet, M Thomas-Cusick, A Wilson, L Wright

Apologies: R Rodger

1. Minutes of last Parent Council meeting (30 Aug 2022)

Minutes agreed - proposed and seconded.

2. Convenor's Report – M Ford

MF provided a summary of last year's work. It was another successful year for the school. Exam success was very positive, new volleyball courts installed and school trips back on the agenda.

3. Head Teacher's Report – M Byrne

MB provided a report on recent events. See attached.

4. School Captains' Report

IM and AC represented the School Captains. They shared some of their recent work including attending assemblies, helping at primaries, showing the inspectors round, representing the school at the Auld Kirk memorial service for the Queen and preparing for Children in Need Week.

5. Feedback from South Ayrshire Co-convenors Meeting – K McHarg

These meetings take place four times a year. The chairs of all the Parent Councils in South Ayrshire meet to discuss issues relating to schools. This month's meeting included:

- Update on outdoor learning
- Information from Susan Bell, National Parent Forum, about national issues such as the review of the exam system (Hayward Review), ASN, and the cost of the school day
- Director of Education, L McRoberts, shared the 3-year improvement plan – there will be a focus on literacy and numeracy, as well as mental health and wellbeing
- New school estates – Kyle has been part of the spend with the refurbishment of the science wing
- Potential budget cuts – important to ensure education is not badly hit and role for Parent Councils in this

6. All Weather Pitches

K McK provided an update on the response from Sarah Pye at SAC about our enquiry about funding for all weather pitches. The cost would be around £1 million. The council has a 12 year plan in place for the capital investment spend and this does not include a spend of this value on pitches for Kyle at this time. It was agreed that MF would email L McRoberts for an informal meeting and the school would enquire about grants from Sports Scotland.

7. School Improvement Priorities – M Byrne

MB shared key messages from last year's Standards and Quality report and this year's School Improvement Plan. Both documents in full and in summary form can be found on the school website.

8. Parent Council Office Bearers

M Ford and M Thomas-Cusick will continue as Co-convenors of the Parent Council with support from K McHarg.

MT-C proposed a review of the Constitution. MB will share some proposed amendments and M T-C will review.

9. AOCB

Fundraising

Discussion took place about ways to raise funds for the school that would then benefit pupils. Ideas to be brought to the next meeting so that ideas can be progressed. Anyone interested in helping will meet at 6.30pm before the main Parent council meeting at 7pm on 25 October.

Tour of Science Dept

Next Meeting: Tuesday 25 October 2022