

## **Kyle Academy Parent Council**

### **Parent Council Meeting – Monday 30 October 2023**

**Present:** M Byrne, S Cooper, M Ford, L Lauchlan, C McClung, K McHarg, L Morrison, P Wilson, L Wright.

#### **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 Captain's Report**

MB gave an update on behalf of the School Captains. This included:

- Halloween disco will take place at Belmont on 31 October
- Auditions for Children in Need talent show take place this week
- Captains will represent the school at Castlehill Church and the Auld Kirk before going to the cenotaph on Sunday 12 November to lay a wreath.

#### **4. Christmas Fair**

**Christmas Fair** – this will take place on 30 November this year. SC gave an update on progress.

- 12 staff holders so far - £20 + raffle prize
- The Ghillie Dhu mobile kitchen will be in attendance
- Bottle stall – LL
- Raffle - Parent Council
- Homebaking – AD
- Mancini to be approached re ice cream
- Flyers to be put round neighbours
- Decorations and Christmas trees
- Reminder to parents for raffle prizes, homebaking, bottles

Display for school sports teams with fixtures and members of team present. Aim is to raise money for buses by sponsoring a fixture.

Other ideas included a Pay it forward scheme.

#### **5. AOCB**

##### **Numeracy Workshops**

CM advised that Numeracy workshop led by SAC Numeracy lead, Scott Morrow, was very worthwhile. It is an 8-week programme to allow parents to support their children. All parents were emailed about it earlier in the session.

MB advised that the Maths Dept have started transition work with Forehill and Grammar to promote enjoyment and reduce anxiety around maths and numeracy.

## **South Ayrshire Parent Council Convenors Meeting**

KM shared keypoints from the meeting.

- **J Rodden (Facilities Manager)** – shared info about new ordering and payment system now in operation in all schools. Advised that a working group will be set up to review menus.
- **J Blair (Quality Improvement Manager)** – provided an update on Duke of Edinburgh (DofE). SAC will fund the training of school staff in first aid and lowland leaders Award to build a sustainable approach to continuing DofE.
- **L McRoberts (Director of Education)** – went through Education Service Plan and the Children’s Service Plan which included the following priorities among others: improving attendance, supporting care experienced young people, focusing on learning and teaching in particular digital technology and reading; looking at STEM provision, PSE in secondary schools and participating in the national review of qualifications.

### **Strikes**

LM asked for an update on school strikes. At this moment in time there is no further info about when South Ayrshire schools may be affected. MB advised that preferred option would be to keep school open for at least S4 to S6 if possible.

### **Parent Portal**

This is an online system for parents that will mean paperwork such as annual data check and consent forms can be updated online by parents without the need for paperwork going home in school bags. It is currently being piloted and will be rolled out to all schools in the new year.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 28 November 2023**