

## **Kyle Academy Parent Council**

### **Parent Council Meeting – Tuesday 30 November 2021**

**Sederant:** M Byrne, M Ford, S Semple, S Cooper, S Robertson, R Rodger, K McHarg, L Morrison, M T-Cusick, , C Heslop, L Mackie, L Sutherland, D Ferguson, I Montgomery, S Lamont, P Abissi, S Borland

**Apologies:** E Montgomery, M Dorward, A D'Amico

#### **1. Minutes of last Parent Council meeting**

Minutes were agreed proposed and seconded.

#### **2. Head Teacher's Report – M Byrne**

MB provided a report on recent events. See attached.

#### **3. School Captain's Report**

LS and PMc gave an update on the work of the Student Leadership Team. Children in Need Week was a great success and an outstanding total of £5,839 was raised. In addition, £2,800 was raised for Movember by staff and senior pupils for male health awareness.

#### **4. Pupil Council – celebrating positive behaviour initiative**

Members of the Pupil Council updated the Parent Council on the focus of their work this year. They are consulting all staff and pupils about ways to promote positive behaviour to supplement the school's current positive relationships policy. Suggestions include a merit system that would identify pupils who consistently demonstrate the school values and expectations. Pupils would then be part of the rewards activities like Big Day Out. Members of the Pupil Council have been visiting department meetings to consult teachers and gather views. They plan to pilot the scheme with S1.

#### **5. Parent Council Convenors Meeting**

Convenors met on Tuesday 23 November. Matters discussed included:

- An update on Covid numbers in South Ayrshire schools and updated guidance.
- Information about a national health survey which will take place next year. All parents will give consent for their child (S1 to S6) to participate.
- An update on SQA – at the moment exams will take place as planned if the Public Health message at the time is that it is safe. Contingency plans will be in place if pupils are self-isolating or if the exams are cancelled.
- Information about the Education Reform Survey and changes to the way the Attainment Challenge funding will be allocated that should result in South Ayrshire schools getting more.
- D Hutchison is leaving in January for a new post in Glasgow City Council. Head of Education will now be a separate job and will be advertised soon.

#### **6. Parents' Evenings – update**

At the last meeting, MF shared approaches from another local authority who are holding parents evenings virtually. CB has contacted the schools mentioned to find out more and MB took the suggestions to SAC. PC convenors also raised this with SAC at the convenors meeting. As a result

SAC have agreed to use the platform for all secondary schools going forward as there looks like we will still be unable to hold face to face meetings in the new year.

S3 parents evening in January will be the first one to be held in this way. More info will be shared with all parents when the system has been set up and staff have received training.

The school calendar is agreed with unions in advance of the school year and ties in with the working time agreement. As a result, MB advised that parents evenings from this term cannot be rescheduled. The possibility of replacing an S1 report with a parents evening was discussed. S1 parents who were present were in favour of the suggestion.

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**Next Meeting: Tuesday 25 January 2022**