

Kyle Academy Parent Council

Parent Council Meeting – Tuesday 31 August 2021

Sederant: M Byrne, C Marr, J Little, L Harper, M Ford, S Semple, S Cooper, S Greig, S Robertson, M Dorward, P Assur, R Rodger, K McHarg, E Montgomery, S Stienlet, K Docherty, L Morrison, Mr Barami, M T-Cusick, S Borland.

Apologies: A D'Amico

1. Minutes of last Parent Council meeting (25 May 2021)

Minutes agreed - proposed by S Robertson and seconded by P Assur.

2. Head Teacher's Report – M Byrne

MB provided a report on recent events. See attached.

3. Staffing

The Scottish Government has provided additional funding for staffing to support Covid Recovery. Mr Hall and Ms Rolfe are our 'Closing the Gap' teachers. Their purpose is to 'close the gap' created by school closures. They will work with targeted individuals and groups.

Schools have also received additional Covid funding. This is enough to appoint Mrs Johnston (English) 2 days a week and Mrs Urwin (Maths) one day a week. Mrs Urwin is also being funded for a second day a week through our Pupil Equity Funding. will be used to support attainment in literacy and numeracy in S4 where some pupils may need additional support to achieve National 5 this year because of gaps in their learning.

All our additional 'Covid' staff are working within the PS department. Our new PT, Mrs Sutherland, is working closely with Year Heads, Guidance and Curriculum PTs to identify which pupils would benefit from interventions.

4. Parent Council Office Bearers

MD and CM stepped down as Convenor and Vice Convenor of the PC. MB thanked them for their valuable contribution to the school. Members were asked to think about joining M Ford as co-convenors to share the role. M Byrne will continue to work with the office to organise agendas and minutes so that Convenor role can focus on being the contact for parents. Item will be revisited at the AGM on 28 September.

5. AGM and Parent Forum

The next meeting of the PC will be the Parent Forum. School Improvement Plan priorities will be discussed at this meeting. Any other suggestions for discussion should be emailed to school office.

6. AOCB

Views sought about continuing to hold PC Meetings virtually. They will continue in this way until restrictions ease. Attendance has increased from less than ten to 20 or more since moving online. It

was suggested that two or three meetings a year could be held in person with refreshments and a chance to chat.

New S1s have settled in well. One or two parents of S1 pupils noted that their child felt well-supported and were enjoying their new school. Mr Little, Year Head, said they were working well in class and were smartly dressed and happy to talk to him.

Discussion took place about **Covid restrictions and the plans for vaccines**. At this time, there is no suggestion of restrictions in school easing. 16 and 17 year olds are able to get the vaccine but at this stage there is no further information about vaccinating 12 to 15 year olds. All staff and pupils will receive the Flu vaccine on 25 and 26 September this year.

Last year's S6 were able to hold their Prom on 16 August. It was a very successful night and the pupils were a credit to their families and the school.

School Captains were appointed today. There will be a team of 5 Captains this year who will share the responsibilities.

Next Meeting: AGM and Parent Forum Tuesday 28 September