

## **Kyle Academy Parent Council**

### **Parent Council Meeting – Tuesday 26 October 2021**

**Sederant:** M Byrne, M Ford, S Semple, S Cooper, S Robertson, R Rodger, K McHarg, S Stienlet, K Docherty, L Morrison, M T-Cusick, A D'Amico, C Heslop, L Meney, P McPherson, L Sutherland, C Blackadder, B Pettigrew (Scottish Volleyball)

**Apologies:** E Montgomery

#### **1. Beach Volleyball Courts – Blair Pettigrew (Scottish volleyball)**

The proposals for the creation of 2 beach volleyball courts in the grounds of Kyle Academy were shared and comments invited. The bid for funding the project was submitted by Active Schools and South Ayrshire Council. Kyle was identified as it does not have the same facilities as other schools and we have a history of success in volleyball. The courts are being developed in collaboration with Scottish Volleyball and will provide championship standard courts within South Ayrshire. An application for planning consent is not required due to the nature and value of the works. There will be no floodlights. The aim is to have the courts completed by the end of March 2022.

BP outlined the plans and CB highlighted the benefits this would have for the PE dept and school community. It will be multi-use and used for other sports, classes, after school clubs and competitions.

Comments from PC were very positive and it was seen as a very positive benefit for our school and our pupils.

Plans are available on the school website and link to the consultation is on the council website.

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

Minutes were agreed proposed and seconded.

One amendment will be made. Mike Thomas-Cusick will take on the role of Co-Convenor and chair alternate meetings with Marsha Ford. Kirsty McHarg will attend Convenor meetings and support.

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

MB provided a report on recent events. See attached.

#### **4. Captain's Report**

LS and PMc gave an update on the work of the Student Leadership Team: meeting with D Hutchison, Buddy Breakfast, planning for Children in Need week.

#### **5. AOCB**

##### **Parents Evenings**

MF described how virtual parent evenings work in East Ren. A few parents reiterated the importance of parents evenings and how much they value them. MB will find out more about how other schools are doing it.

**Prelims and Supported Study**

More information about the supported study that is running currently would be appreciated. Info required by parents about upcoming diet of prelims for Senior Phase pupils. MB advised that info would be shared shortly. Mr Gardner is currently finalising the timetable with PTs. The winter assessment diet will involve some subjects with exams in December and others in January.

**Reform of SQA and Education Scotland** – details of webinar for parents has been shared with all parents by the school.

**Workshop on Mental Health** Support by Connect (National Parent Group) takes place on 9<sup>th</sup> November – details to be shared by school.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 30 November**

Pupil council and MHW Ambassadors to present their work.