

## **Parent Council Minutes of virtual meeting 24/11/20**

**Present:** M Ford, M Byrne, S Robertson, S Greig, D Fergusson, A D'Amico, K Capstick, C Ritchie, M Dorward, S Stienlet, E Montgomerie, I McHarg, R Rodger, K McHarg, S Robertson, S Semple, N George, C Marr and L Harper

Minutes of the previous meeting approved by M Ford and A D'Amico

M Ford Welcomed everyone to the meeting. A warm virtual welcome was extended to all the parents, carers, young people and staff who were able to attend.

**Head Teacher's Update** was distributed at the meeting. The following items were highlighted Staffing, Food Bank Challenge, Kyle Reads and of course Kyle does Children In Need 2020.

Please see separate PDF file for the full update.

Further to the Head Teacher report the following points were discussed:

**Staffing Appointments:** We have appointed two Temporary posts for Principal Teacher Raising Attainment. Mr McElnea and Mr Kane have been temporarily appointed and will lead a whole school group of mentors and mentees and provide additional support for study skills for our young people in S4 and S5.

### **House Captains Report:**

Cara and Kiera provided an update on S6 leading Children In Need efforts this year. A total of £1,776 was raised from school stalls that were all Covid friendly! More than £3,000 was raised from the Just Giving page and raffle. It's the first time the event has been virtual and it was great to see pupils and parents supporting us. On the Friday we had technical difficulties which prevented the show from being broadcast. We are planning an S6 Night in where we can socialise safely and enjoy the show.

### **Covid Contingency Planning in School –**

With the recent change to levels Ms Byrne advised that all PE lessons had to go back outdoors. There are consistent messages each day in school to promote good hygiene and she stressed the message young people must limit the number of people they socialise with to small groups of 6/8 pupils at break and lunch times.

Education guidance can change really quickly so we have plans in place should:

- a) Need to reduce the number of pupils in the school at any one time.
- b) Half of each year group in at any one time – potentially.
- c) Bubble Model – AM/PM groups is not popular with parents so it is likely that we would move to Odd and Even Week in school rotation. In one week and blended learning the following.
- d) If a young person is self isolating – Guidance staff contact them once per week / letter home to advise of additional supports available.

Our response if required will be dependent on the guidance issued by Scottish Government.

**SQA Update:** Ms Byrne asked all parents to actively engage with the Survey for the National Parent Forum. Kyle will go ahead with Prelim examinations, no hall experience but all young people will have one examination per subject per day. Classroom based assessments under controlled exam conditions. SQA will make a decision early Spring if the Higher and AHD examinations will go ahead.

**Parent Evenings:** A request for virtual parent evenings for the Senior Phase was suggested. Ms Byrne explained the Reporting strategy highlighting parents would get additional reports therefore there would be a running commentary on progress through out the academic year.

**AOCB:**

Parent query: why S2 pupils had not received BGE Physics. Ms Byrne to follow up.

**Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021**