

Kyle Academy Parent Council

Parent Council AGM and Parent Forum Meeting – Tuesday 28 September 2021

Sederant: M Byrne, C Marr, J Little, M Ford, S Semple, S Cooper, M Dorward, R Rodger, K McHarg, K Docherty, L Morrison, A D’Amico, S Foakes, C Heslop, L Meney, P McPherson, T Nixon, D Houston.

1. Minutes of last Parent Council meeting (31 Aug 2021)

Minutes agreed - proposed by M Ford and seconded by R Rodger

2. Convenor’s Report – M Dorward

MD provided a summary of last year’s work. Despite the challenges of Covid, it was another successful year for the school. Health and Safety was one of the main focus and discussion about arrangements for accreditation for SQA Qualifications also dominated Parent Council meetings. Attendance at PC meetings have improved greatly and all minutes and HT reports are always uploaded to the website now. MD thanked everyone for their support.

3. Head Teacher’s Report – M Byrne

MB provided a report on recent events. See attached.

4. School Captains’ Report

TN and PMc represented the School Captains. They provided an introduction to the team and updated parents on their plans going forward including Children In Need Week and the Prom. The charities committee is currently collecting for the Foodbank as our fist House Challenge this year.

5. School Improvement Priorities – M Byrne

MB gave a short presentation on the attainment and achievement of our pupils in 2020-21, results of parent and pupils surveys from last year and improvement priorities this year. More detail can be found in the Standards and Quality Report and School Improvement Plan which have been uploaded to the website.

6. Parent Council Office Bearers

M Ford will continue as Co-convenor of the Parent Council with support from K McHarg. It was agreed a team of 3 Co-convenors makes the role more appealing and more manageable. There were no volunteers. MB will email all members of PC to ask for someone to step up to help.

7. AOCB

Parents’ Evenings

There will be no face to face parents’ evenings before Christmas due to Covid. This has been agreed by the Joint Negotiating Committee which includes teachers’ unions and the local authority. Parents agreed they value the face to face interactions as the written reports can be generic. MB to letter all parents to explain the current position and how the school will be increasing communication as a result.

S1 Buddies

This year the school has revised its practice. There will be class buddies for each S1 class (2 or 3 S6 pupils who will go into class each morning to lead Daily Personal Support and be a contact for the pupils) and one to one buddies for more vulnerable S1 and S2 pupils. S1 parents were lettered this week about it and S6 buddies should be introducing themselves this week. On Thursday 7 and Friday 8 October the Buddy Breakfast will take place with teambuilding activities and a chance to get to know their S6 buddies.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 26 October 2021