MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KELSO HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY 14th JANUARY 2021 VIA ZOOM

Attendance - Gemma Douglas (Chair), Jill Lothian (Head Teacher), Michelle Matthews (Treasurer), Aliy Brown, Gillian McFadyen, Gill Petty, Lee Armitage, Gillian White, Cheryl Elliot, Simon Mountford, Sonya Nairn, Nicola Robertson, Emma Roden, Allan Connell, Yvette Lewis, Judith Hogarth, Nicki Humphries, Sandra and Euan Robson

Chairperson's Report

Welcome and Happy New Year. I hope your all well. I really thought that we would not have a PC meeting until at least February but with the way it all turned out with the schools going into Remote Learning I thought that we should hold this meeting tonight as an extra to help give reassurance and give everyone a chance to share thoughts, ideas and suggestions on how it's all going.

I have been attending the Chairs Forum meetings with SBC, we just had one on mental wellness within schools, I will report on this at our official PC meeting in February. I will also be attending another chairs forum next week to share our thoughts on Remote Learning with SBC.

As I am the Representative for Scottish Borders within the National Parent Forum Scotland I will also be attending a Focus Group next week on Remote Learning for Education Scotland.

If you would like your voice heard at any of these meetings then please email me at: Scottish.borders@npfs.org.uk

I have signed up for four online training sessions with Connect Scotland all on different topics regarding Parent Councils, hopefully these will help me to me more productive and give me more information on the running of a Parent Council. These sessions are free and anyone can attend, let me know if you would like more information.

We have set up a private Parent Council group on Facebook to help give a little extra support, advice, share resources and helpful tips. Please when requesting to join if you could answer the questions and agree to the group rules so we can approve the request. Thank you and hopefully this will be a positive experience for us all.

At our official PC meeting on Thursday 25th February we will deal with matters arising and hear from our Sub Groups.

Please remember if you are worried about anything at all please get in touch either by the PC email address KHSParentCouncil@scotborders.gov.uk or if it is something you wish to talk in confidence then please email me at Scottish.borders@npfs.org.uk and I will do my best to help.

Thank you to Michelle Matthews and Aliy Brown for all your hard work and support over the past few weeks getting us all up and running after our Christmas break.

I know we can get through this together as a community. Let's keep an eye out for one and other, be kind and respectful to each other. Take care, stay safe.

Head Teacher's Report

Jill presented the Remote Learning PowerPoint and discussion took place around the current remote learning situation. This is very much a developing situation.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 25th February 2021 at 7.30pm