

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KELSO HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023 ONLINE



**Attendance** - Harriet Campbell (Chair), Leri Payne (Vice Chair), Jill Lothian (Head Teacher), Pam Guthrie, Kirsty Banks, Nicola Robertson and Jeanette Aitchison

Apologies - Ginny Stewart (Treasurer), Tom Weatherston (Councillor), Simon Mountford (Councillor) and S Nairn.

Chairperson Harriet Campbell welcomed everyone to the meeting and confirmed that we were quorum with 5 parents in attendance.

Jill gave a brief staffing update:

New PT Expressive Arts

New PT Modern Languages

Hoping for NQT's in PE to cover Miss Allan and in Art for maternity Cover

New timetable due to start for new S2 - S4 on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May and new S5 and S6 will return from study leave on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** - Minutes from 28/03/23 approved by Leri.

Harriet suggested an action point tracker is used to enable PC to keep track of actions to be taken and who is responsible for them. Suzanne to update document as we go along.

### Chairperson's Report

PC Chairs meeting held recently mainly discussed the Inspire project - iPad in schools. iPads being refreshed from S3 upwards, program of renewal. Discussion around supply of keyboards and stylus (pens to use with iPads). Cheaper versions of Apple Pencil available.

Harriet mentioned fundraising and asked for suggestions/ideas. Peebles HS have a specific timeframe for requests. Having an aim for fundraising efforts – bigger items. KHS pupils keen to do a summer / xmas fayre. Would it be feasible for outgoing S6 to organise a summer event before finishing?

Introducing Leadership Team in S3?

## Head Teacher's Report

### School Overview

#### Staffing

- PT Expressive Arts started with us on 2<sup>nd</sup> May & PT Modern Languages will join us from 29<sup>th</sup> May.
- Mrs Cameron-Lyle is our preferred candidate for the PT English & RMPS vacancy following competitive interviews
- We have indicated that we would like to take on NQT within PE (to cover a career break) and Art (to cover maternity leave)
- At the present time we continue to have 2 vacancies within our Maths dept

#### New Timetable

- Our new timetable was written over the Easter holidays and we have therefore made the decision to move our young people on a year from the 9<sup>th</sup> May. The main reason is to provide our young people within the new S4 and opportunity to begin their SQA courses earlier.
- Our Seniors (S5/6) will return to school from the 29<sup>th</sup> May.

#### Policies & Procedures

- Following our recent SBC Review we are planning to work closely with young people, staff, parent/carers and wider achievement to review our policies and procedures with a focus on:
  - Respectful Relationships & Bullying
  - Attendance
- Clear roles, responsibilities with stepped actions to be agreed by all.

#### Vision & Values

- Within PRIDE we would like to embed United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and Wellbeing (SHANARRI indicators – Safe; Healthy; Achieving; Nurtured; Active; Respected; Included)
- Consultation with yp, staff. Parent/carers and wider community is required to ensure we have exemplars of our 'Values in Action'. Also we would like to agree a strap line to use.

#### Positive Behaviour

- We continue to monitor the use of our 'turnaround room' to support those yp who may not be able to complete work within their timetabled classes
- Use of flexible timetables allow us to work with families to develop bespoke timetables. These will be reviewed every 6-8 weeks

New strapline – suggestion to put this out to pupils as a competition.

Start a conversation with yp so it means something to them.

Start conversations re bullying – post its on walls / anonymous postboxes?

## **Treasurers' Report**

### **Lottery Account**

There is **£1,374.05** in this account.

This month's prize draw will be drawn this week. Prize fund is £95.

**TOTAL AVAILABLE TO SPEND    £1,279.05**

Please note from the previous meeting on 28.03.23 it was agreed to contribute to the new S6 Team Building Event in June, £10 per pupil. This has still to be finalised depending on numbers (no more than £700).

### **Main Account**

There is currently **£834.45** in this account.

### **Fundraising Ideas / Plans**

- Harriet canvassing everyone for ideas
- Would be nice to have something at the end of term – time constraints
- Outdoor Ceilidh – end of term
- Ednam do something at the end of August – welcome at the start of a new session
- YP are more than capable to arrange something, some are keen to be involved
- Give them a plan / date / aim – present at PC meeting. What supports would they need?
- S3 Leadership / New S6

**Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm.**

Pam Guthrie confirmed she cannot attend next meeting as there is a Broomlands PS meeting the same night.

Thanks expressed for the recent Information Evening for the P7 pupils transitioning into S1 in August. Very informative, well and great feedback received from parents! Well done.

Harriet thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.