

Dingwall Academy Parent Council

Minutes

14th Nov 2022

Present:

Karen Cormack Karen O'Hanlon Gill Macpherson John Tompkins
Paul Macpherson Susan Crooks

Apologies: Cllr Paterson, Cllr McLean, Sam Blyth, Hilary Cameron, Kerry Webb

1. Apologies:
2. Minutes from previous meeting: approved Gill and seconded Paul
3. Matters Arising: Minibus update for next meeting – **ACTION: John to follow-up/liaise with Sam**
4. Head Teacher's Report
 - **Pupil Voice survey** – return to whole school events, opportunity to fund raise and formalise indoor spaces for all year groups
 - **Volunteering event** – on 16th Nov over lunchtime for S5 and S6 with DWY coordinator and 6 groups/stands
 - **Prelims** – some S4 prelims start on 21st Nov. After Christmas S5 & S6 prelims and remainder of S4 exams
 - **STEM week** – w/b the 5th Dec, activity mainly led by the science department for S1 to S3. 8th Dec Parental engagement session
 - **EIS industrial action** – school closure anticipated on 24th November. Info will be shared with parents/carers as and when available re future industrial action and closures
5. **Treasurer's Report** - Current Account balance ~£1,300.07 and savings £78.91 – no recent expenditure to report
6. AOB:
 - 'Reclaim the night march' – young people from across the Highlands being encouraged to participate. **ACTION: Karen C to share date with senior pupils**
 - **Spring Eco Fayre** – Plans in hand to run an environmentally conscious event in March with S2 pupils. Suggestion that Parent Council support the recruitment of 2 or 3 parents being aligned with each S2 class (8 classes/16 to 24 parents)
 - **School uniform re-use/recycle** – remains popular, particularly hoodies and fleeces
 - **Dress Swop** – Susan Crooks offered to support. **ACTION: Karen C to run the idea past a group of senior pupils**
 - John asked Karen C what the Parent Council can do to help. **ACTION: Karen C to talk to the senior leadership team and get back to the Parent Council for discussion at the next meeting**
 - John asked whether the school would benefit from a 3D printer. **ACTION: Karen C offered to share Neil Dobbie's contact details with John**
 - Info on the Parent Council has been drafted by John for circulation. Karen OH asked if a QR code could be added. Karen OH also asked if the School Office could share details of the parents/carers who had agreed to sharing their email address for the Parent Council. **ACTION: John to generate a QR code and Karen C to speak with office staff**

- A question has been received re accident reporting and first aid protocols. Karen C outlined the arrangements, including an online portal for teachers to report incidents. Karen C explained that the whole school office is not first aid trained and that there is no fulltime medical expertise on site.
- Sam Blyth asked that it be minuted that the school and/or parent council are **not** involved in organization/running of the Christmas Fayre that is being held at the Academy

7. Date of next meeting: 16th Jan 2023 @7pm on Teams