

Dingwall Academy Parent Council

Minutes

18/01/21

Present:

Helen Cameron	Karen Cormack	Karen O'Hanlon	Hilary Cameron
Emma Whitham	Sam Blyth	Shona Henderson	Su Engstrand
Cllr Graham Mackenzie			

Apologies:

David Henderson; John Tompkins, Gillian Macpherson, Paul Macpherson

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Minutes from previous meeting: agreed & approved
3. Matters Arising – update from Sam B
 - School bus issue resolved
 - Decision taken not to run a school meal campaign instead signpost to HC campaign
 - Pupil forum is aware of offer of support/assistance from Parent Council (Emma W)
 - Parent Council Facebook page has been resurrected and being used to share info. Plan to revisit its purpose/role after current lockdown ends
 - Breakfast club was up and running prior to Christmas break and Sam B will place an order for more porridge pots & cereal bars in time for school reassuming after lockdown
 - School Uniform Bank provided uniform to ~20 pupils in December

Matters Arising – update from Karen C

- Outdoor Shelter: construction companies are ready to start but require final approval from HC
ACTION: Cllr Graham M to chase
- Mental Wellbeing Support: additional guidance teacher for S1 appointed; SQA mental health & wellbeing course being introduced for S3 pupils; online cooking session took place for some S1 pupils, further session on-hold

4. Head teacher's Report

Organisation of return to school:

- Use of timetable to structure the day is bringing advantages e.g. higher levels of engagement and some disadvantages including increased screen time. Lessons from Wk1 e.g. demands on staff & pupils have quickly led to some changes to registration and greater flexibility
- Currently have 40 to 60 pupils in school during the week
- Screen free day scheduled for S1-3 on 26/01
- S3 SQA Mental Health & Wellbeing course starting on 02/02
- Senior pupils planning online bake-off
- School uniform bank has been re-stocked with donations

SQA: awaiting further information before communicating with pupils and parents

5. Treasurer's Report

Changes to banking arrangements on hold

Current account balance £1,500 and savings to £78.67

6. AOB

- Further SQA Info Sessions will be held and hopefully within the next fortnight for parents of S4-6 pupils
- School garden project is progressing thanks to considerable effort from Sam B. Have offers of support and project will be progressed when the time is right

7. Date of next meeting : **26 April @7pm**