

Perth Grammar School Parent Council

Chair Report 2019/20

Over the last few months Parent Council (PC) activity has been impacted by the Covid 19 pandemic. Our primary focus since March has been on sharing relevant information via our PC Facebook page to keep parents and carers as up to date as possible on important relevant issues and events:

- signposting community help, events and support available
- Messages from Perth Grammar School (PGS) on return to school plans and important bulletins
- Covid 19 Information provided by Perth & Kinross Council on support available to parents, carers and our young people
- Updates from the Scottish Qualifications Authority regarding the 2020 National Qualifications process
- Key information on the establishment of Perth & Kinross learning hubs
- Parent Surveys

We were pleased to see that our Facebook posts were read by a significant number of people over the last few months and hopefully the information we shared was helpful.

Prior to PGS closing in March due to lockdown PC had continued to be involved in supporting the school leadership team by engaging with PKC on the ongoing works required to improve the school property internally and externally. We tried to clarify with PKC the refurbishment plans and timing for commencement of the works. In November PC were advised that PKC budget decisions had been delayed and it would be March 2020 before we would know when the property refurbishment monies would be available and a date for commencement of the works. Due to Covid 19 any announcement on this has been delayed so we still await confirmation on this.

PC ran a raffle in December at the PGS Christmas concert and raised £107 which combined with the annual saving of PC no longer covering the cost for the printing the P7 transition booklets which are now available online, meant we were able to offer around £400 to PGS towards a specific project to be decided on by the senior prefect team. The plan was for a proposal to be presented to PC by the senior prefect team in Spring 2020 but due to Covid 19 this has not yet taken place. These monies remain available and we hope to receive a proposal to consider later this year.

Parent Council was approached by PGS and asked if we could consider sponsoring two new prize giving trophies to be awarded in Higher Spanish and PE. The spanish trophy is called El Quijote Trophy. Both trophies were awarded at the 2020 virtual school Prize giving held in June 2020.

I would like to thank all PC members, parents and carers for their continued support over the last 12 months. I would also like to thank head teacher Fiona Robertson and her senior leadership team for their attendance at our PC meetings and for their updates throughout the year. A special thank you goes to Deputy Head Mike Farrell who retired from PGS in June 2020. Mike was a regular presenter at PC meetings and his updates to members were much appreciated. We were pleased to have been able to surprise Mike with a case of wine as a retirement gift. We were also pleased to have been able to give Eileen Crawford who had worked for many years in the school office a small retirement gift.

I expect the next 12 months will continue to be challenging due to the ongoing impact of Covid 19 and PC will continue to have an important role in keeping parents and carers as up to date as possible with relevant information to help them through these unprecedented times.