

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PERTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL (‘PGSPC’) HELD AT PERTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL ON 20th MAY 2019

Attendees: R Wilson, H McRitchie, Y Paterson, A Stark, N Farquhar, S Shinwell, L MacDonald, F Robertson, M Reid (Depute Teacher), L Hume, Cllr C Ahern, L McIntosh (Head Teacher Grandtully Primary)

- 1. Apologies:** G Harbut, Dr. R Norris, N Norris, A Cummins.
- 2. Raising Attainment Strategy for PKC** – Laura McIntosh sought views from PC members for raising attainment across Perth & Kinross schools, aim of eliminating inequality - looking to refresh the current strategy and seeking parent’s views. FR highlighted attendance as a factor which can affect attainment and the importance of pupils coming to school. PGSPC raised: support at home; focus at ‘early years’ school age; getting rid of barriers; consideration that young people learn in different ways and schools need to adapt; and measuring achievement should not just be based on exam results. It was agreed that mentoring a young person was important. Anyone else wishing to provide feedback can email Laura at : LJMclntosh@pkc.gov.uk
- 3. Minutes & Matters Arising**
 - None. Minutes of 20th March approved.
- 4. Head Teacher update inc. progress update with PGS repairs and improvements**
 - Property Progress – additional monies have been muted to tackle immediate areas such as paintwork refresh, toilets and social space; a feasibility study will now be undertaken looking at initial improvements. The toilets are seen as a priority area to address; aware that PGSPC will continue to make property/learning facilities a priority.
 - Very successful S1 STEM input with Robertson Group
 - 7 a-side girls team in National Football Final at Toryglen
 - Former pupil Lana Clelland selected for Women’s World Cup Football team
 - SQA diet nearing completion
 - Sports Day has taken place
 - Activities Days taken place for Broader General Education pupils
 - Probationer teachers – Action research on display recently. Great cohort
 - Facilities Management were finalists, Excellence Team with Tayside Contracts.
 - Preparations for the ‘Grease’ school show are well underway
 - Creative Lives event took place
 - Staffing update – new PGS Business Manager, Scott Jewell starts on 5th August
 - From 27th May Bertha Park school staff will be present in PGS
 - Lockers discussion – these are very limited. S4 pupil voice tells us they are not required, in a poor state of disrepair. No objections raised by PGSPC. Not enough to go round for everyone in current state of the building
 - Thanks to PGSPC for hosting the PGS staff annual Afternoon Tea on 25th June
 - Parent’s self-evaluation – question is in 3 years time what would Parent Council want Parent Engagement and Family Learning to look like at PGS?

- NF asked FR if answers for homework questions on Show My Homework could also be shown here to help parents/carers with their pupil's homework. It was thought that this could be possible. Action: FR or MR to confirm.

5. PGS Behaviour Policy

- Depute Martin Reid provided a further update on the PGS Relationship/Behaviour Policy which launched in PGS in June 2017. MR advised Policy will continue to develop with two PGS staff on MAPA (Management or Actual or Potential Aggression) Behaviour training and they will in turn provide training to all PGS staff who will have 5 areas they will focus on when managing behaviour. Adopting a consistent approach to managing behaviour is key. MR advised that 'Bring your own device' policy will be included in the policy. Agreed this could be shared on the PGSPC Facebook page so parents/carers can view the Policy. Policy will be ready for implementing next term.

6. Treasurers Update

- Update provided by HM confirming PGSPC bank balance as at 30th April 2019 of £3,545.44. No credits or debits this month. Bank Account still holds Perth Decides funds of £1,135.65.

7. AOB

- This year PGSPC decided to stop covering the cost of printing the P7/S1 Transition booklets and instead there would be a pdf of the content available on the PGS website. This is a cost saving of c. £300. In addition PGSPC will be holding a fundraising raffle on the nights of the school show in June. We have agreed to offer the monies raised from the raffle and the saving of not covering the cost of the booklet to the school to fund something that would enhance pupils learning & experiences in PGS. FR said she would consider what to spend the money on next term, seeking appropriate staff/senior pupil views. RW asked for a proposal(s) to be submitted to PGSPC for consideration and approval.
- NF mentioned the Saints in the Community Blue Run on 23rd June where sponsorship is split 50:50 between 'Saints' and a cause of the individual's choice. NF advised this had been shared on the PGSPC Facebook page if of interest to anyone, or if PGSPC would consider a donation.
- RW advised that his 2 year tenure as PGSPC Chair was coming to an end in September. PGSPC Constitution states that elected office bearers should hold their position for a maximum of two years – in exceptional circumstances and with agreement of majority of PC members, this could be extended. RW said if someone would like to take over as PGSPC Chair to let him know. But if not RW advised that he would only consider staying on as Chair for one more year maximum if the PC Secretary role was filled as this had not been for the last two years. Appointment of Office Bearers will take place at the PGSPC to be held on 11th September.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 11th September at 6.30 p.m. This will be on the same night as the AGM which will take place immediately after the meeting.