



Perth Grammar School Parent Council

Meeting: Wednesday 23rd September 2020

Attendees:

Parent and carers: Chair R Wilson (RW), J Napier (JN), C Langton (CL), M Mailer (MM), S Shinwell (SS), G Gatherer (GG), L Macdonald (LM), G Harbut (GH), W Boag (WB), A Stark (AS)

PGS: F Robertson (FR), T Woodcock (TW), C Martin (CM), M Reid (MR), S Jewell (SJ), I Dow (ID) and D Ross (DR)

P & KC Council: Councillor Andrew Parrott (AP), Councillor Chris Ahern (CA)

Apologies:

Parents: H McRitchie, J Robertson, N Farquhar, Y Paterson

1	Welcome and apologies	RW
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome given by Chair, R Wilson, thanking everyone for joining the meeting which was held via Teams. Apologies read by R Wilson 	
2	Minutes and matters arising from previous meeting	RW
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no matters arising from the previous meeting 	
3	Head Teacher update	FR
<p>Staffing Update</p> <p>Welcome to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ishbel and Daisy as our two Head Girls. Craig Martin DHT Support (thanks to Parent Council for their input) Glenn Gibson PT Learner Support Refreshed leadership capacity at senior and middle leadership levels Charlotte Steer - Learning Resource Assistant Jamie Maitland Art Ruth Langley in Drama Richard Knak in RE <p>SQA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall a positive and improving picture as per Mr Woodcock's presentation. Importance of evidence from outset. Engagement and attendance key moving forwards. <p>Reflection on Lockdown / Recovery Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We've made a very positive return. In effect back a week earlier than planned, mitigation of Covid-19 a huge thing. Urge Parent Council to support the school in encouraging the wearing of face coverings and other mitigation routines including hand sanitising. 		

- Survey to parents: re: any barriers to learning in the event of a mixed / hybrid type model.

S1 Transition

- Successful despite obvious challenges. T-shirts in PE have been well received.

Rights Respecting School Award

- Still seek to achieve Gold.

Education Scotland / Self-evaluation / Standards and Quality Report

- Our main focus, however, must be our three action plans following the HMI Education Scotland inspection report published in January.
- Clear Ambition Agenda, 'Learning 360' and Equity focus.
- Revisit these with Parent Council in terms of progress.

Parent Engagement

- 30 Parents attended *Tea with the Headteacher*. Informal nature seemed to be well received along with the timescale.

Parent Council Chair

- Thanks to Ron for his time as Chair –
- Wish you all a very positive AGM.

4	Relationship policy update	MR
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Reid gave the committee an overview of the Relationship Policy and infographic that have been developed to express the policy. • This will also be shared with all parents either via a sway or video bulletin at a later date 	
5	School property repairs update	SJ
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PKC hope to start the planned improvement to the toilets in January • This work will need to happen when the school is active therefore restrictions will need to be in place to ensure pupils remain safe • First Aid room will be moving down to beside the school office • SJ will keep the Parent Council up-to date with progress on all school repairs 	
6	School Building during COVID	SJ
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PKC have confirmed that all windows and non-fire door will remain open during the winter months for ventilation purposes • All classrooms will have the heating on which will remain on until the classroom reaches the correct temperature • Pupils should therefore dress appropriately for the weather 	
7	Virtual Parent Evenings	SJ
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S4 parent evening is the first to be held in the year • Meetings will be on-line 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local authority are currently looking for a package that can be used to book parent evening appointments and which will ensure the correct data protections are in place Appointment will be made directly with teachers Parents will be sent links for TEAMS meetings 	
8	AOB	All
	<p>Parents Portal Pilot Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PGS has been chosen as part of the pilot scheme Linked to parents mygov account and will give parents access to the SEEMiS system and Parentpay Annual data check will be completed via this system Pupil reports will be accessed via this system as will other important records Parents will receive email notifications If a parent/carer does not have a mygov account, please set this up and link your young person to the account <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.mygov.scot/ Information regarding how to do this will be sent out by the school 	SJ
	<p>Perth decides money</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These funds remain in the parent council bank account Previously managed by Mr Farrell, RW asked the school to nominate a way the funds could be spent 	RW
	<p>Parent Council email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SS asked if a separate Parent Council email could be set up for parent/carers to contact the Parent Council. SJ suggested setting up a Gmail account that can be accessed by board members as PKC will not be able to set up a PKC account for the parent council 	SS
	<p>COVID</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor Parrot asked that all parents and carers remain vigilant against the spread of COVID 19 by recognising signs and symptoms of the virus quickly and following the guidelines on testing and isolating to help PKC maintain our relatively low rates of transmission. 	AP
RW closed the meeting.		

Future Meeting Dates

To be confirmed
