



Parent Council and PTA Minutes

Date of meeting 10th June 2021

Present: Cara McKee, John Doherty, Sharon Morrow, Andrew Milner, Colin Frew, Sharri Plimbley, Logan Rae.

1. Apologies: Lee McGinnis, Douglas Rae, Anne Anderson, Tom Marshall
2. Minutes of previous meeting: 25th February 2021
Proposed by Sharron Morrow
Seconded by Andrew Milner
3. Head Teacher's update (J Doherty)
 - a. SQA
All pupils have completed their courses and have taken their Assessments for the SQA Alternate Assessment Model. All pupils and teachers have had learning conversations during which the pupils were given their estimated results that will be given to the SQA. Letters with these results will be posted to all S4-S6 pupils by the end of term. Good feedback was given from the SQA about the school's assessment program and the school are pleased with how the pupils performed with the assessments.
 - b. Staffing
There have been several other staffing changes including: Claire Mazzoni has been appointed Faculty Leader of Science, Laura Griffiths has been made a Guidance Teacher, Denise Cook and Shavaun Donnelly have permanent posts as a Teacher of English and a Teacher of Technologies, Martin McCormack will be starting in the new year as a Teacher of Computing, There are probationers joining Maths, Biology Home Economics and Social Subjects, Emma Newton will be leaving the school, Liz Moran has resigned. There will also be new teachers for English, History and a Faculty Leader of Technologies but these are still to be appointed.
4. Guidance Team
The school will be using a different guidance model in the new school year. In this new model there will be a Year Head, Guidance Teacher, an unpromoted Teacher (who is interested in guidance), and two S6 pupils. To accommodate this new model Ms Gilmore and Ms Gall have been made Year Heads.
5. Show My Homework
The school will stop using Show My Homework in the new school year and will move forward using Microsoft Teams.



6. Questions to the School

a. Communications

Anne Anderson raised concern around being sent messages through the Xpressions app that their child is not in class (this was acknowledged, and the school will try to reduce the number of false alarms, but would rather have a false positive than not raise the alarm when a child is not in school).

Cara McKee stated that it can be difficult to read letters sent out using the app as they cannot be enlarged.

There was discussion about whether or not to stop using the xpressions app and revert to using email.

b. Downtime.

Sharon Morrow asked if the downtime at the end of term in the school could be used as an opportunity for pupils and the school to do projects within the local community. There was discussion that this has happened in previous years and would come back following the lifting of covid restrictions.

c. Catching up

Concern was raised about children needing to have extra classes or work to catch up over the summer. John Doherty said that children had engaged well with learning online and in school, and there was nothing like this planned for over the summer. Any gaps in learning can be addressed when the schools go back.

7. Bids

There are no current bids.

8. Update from Treasurers

a. In the 50/50 club account there is £3363.50

b. In the PTA account there is £5786.51

c. In the PC account there is £3600

9. Date of next meeting – AGM

Wednesday 8th September 2021 6.30pm