



Largs Academy Parent Council Meeting Thursday 16th June 2022, 6.30pm, *on Zoom*

Minutes

Present: Molly Wilson, John Doherty, Colin Frew, Cara McKee, Andrew Milner, Abi Milner, Linda Beveridge, Shaukat Aron, Nathan Marshall, Linda Beveridge

1. Apologies: Donna McNeill, John Blair, Helen Fox, Lorna Adams, Lynn Cameron-Flynn, Tom Marshall, Anne Anderson, Todd Ferguson
2. Minutes of previous meeting: 20th April 2022
Proposed by Andrew Milner seconded by Linda Beveridge
3. Head Teacher's update (J Doherty)
 - a. Pupil and Parent Feedback on the options process
On the whole, positive feedback. Both parents and pupils were happy with the variety of options for classes for the coming year. Some areas of improvement needed i.e; PSE and support from Guidance.
 - b. Relationships Policy Update (B Wilson)
This will be covered in the information for parents for coming back in August.
 - c. Parent Meetings
Moving to having two per year. Sticking with Parents Bookings for booking meetings, but looking at a mixture of online and in person meetings. People have appreciated the ease of access having them online, but would sometimes appreciate longer meetings.
 - d. Proposed calendar for 2022/23
The calendar will be shared with parents and will be available on the school website. Some important dates coming soon:
 - i. SQA results come out 9th August. There will be support available in the school.
 - ii. 7th September will be Prize Giving ceremonies for BGE in the afternoon and for S5-leavers in the evening.
 - e. UCAS applications
 - f. The 14th of September will be a UCAS parents information evening, the 15th of October is the deadline for 2023 Oxbridge and medical students and 25th of January being the final deadline for standard students for 2023 courses. Students working to the 15th October deadline will be supported to do this from the beginning of term.
 - g. Work Experience
The school is working on improving the usefulness of work experience opportunities for S4-6 pupils with Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and

others. There will be three set weeks through the school year when pupils will have more opportunities for work experience - two from 24th October and one from 8th May, but in addition pupils interested in particular opportunities will be able to arrange to do these as is practicable throughout the school year, with five days release for work experience available each year - to be arranged with staff.

4. No questions to the school.

5. No updates from Treasurers.

6. Bids -

a. Mental Health & Wellbeing Course

£700 already provided by Nurturing Excellence, which the Parent Council agreed to release pre-covid. The training was delayed due to the pandemic, but is now going ahead, and this funding has now been released enabling more adults to attend mental health training.

b. S6 leavers pen & catering for leaving event - bid for £540.99
Unanimous agreement to approve¹.

c. Last minute bid from Mr Cavani for 20 athletic vests to be used by pupils representing the school at events. £15 each for £300 total – unanimous agreement to approve².

7. Meetings

a. Meetings in person / on Zoom – mixture of in person and online events in future. The AGM will be in person.

b. Date of Next Meeting - The next meeting will be the AGM, when we will be looking for a new Parent Council Treasurer. This will be held on Thursday 15th September 2022³ – 5.30pm *in the school*. Please note the earlier time as this is an *in person* meeting, so we wish to allow time for islanders to get home, and not hold teachers back too late.

¹ Funds released to the school 20th June 2022

² Funds released to the school 20th June 2022

³ Please note - this is a change of date to that agreed at the meeting, which was Wed 14th September, but we realised that clashed with the UCAS information evening.