Parent Council Minutes of Meeting held on 29th October 2019

Welcome

MD introduced herself and welcomed everyone to her first meeting as Convenor.

Apologies

P Assur, E Montgomery, S McMath, L Rankin

Present

C Marr, S Stienlet, R Rodger, S Greig, M Ford, M Dorward, K McHarg, L Harper (DHT), M Byrne (HT), K Johnston, E Graham

Minutes of meeting held on 4/6/19 were proposed by CM and seconded by RR

Minutes of meeting held on 27/8/19 were proposed by SG and seconded by RR

Minutes of Parent Forum meeting held on 1/10/19 were proposed by CM and seconded by MF

Role of the Parent Council and Constitution MD proposed the Constitution be updated, although no major changes are required as it is currently fit for purpose.

Office Bearers: Depute Chair & Secretary it was decided to appoint the 2 x Deputy Convenors again; work commitments of both parties may prevent them attending meetings, CM and MF. EL will remain as Clerk for a further year.

Head Teacher's Update as distributed at the meeting. This year the senior school's Hallowe'en event will be Kyle, Belmont, Ayr and QM Academies jointly with Kyle hosting the event.

School Captains' Update KJ updated the PC on the Hallowe'en event; pupils donated recycled decorations from their homes to assist with funding costs. EG advised on individual fundraising activities for Children In Need week. Poppies are currently being 'sold' for Remembrance.

Parent Council Chairpersons' Meeting 8/10/19 MD attended her first Chairpersons' meeting on 8/10/19 and advised she found this to be very informative.

Access to Subject Material: Microsoft Teams/School Website/Show My Homework/Other;

Microsoft Teams is through Glow, a few departments within Kyle utilise this for homework purposes. It is more interactive than the school website and is now being used as an alternative to the website. Show My Homework Mrs Harper has had a representative from SMH in previously but this proved too costly for the PEF budget, at around £5500, particularly in comparison to the cost of the school diaries at around £2000. Ms Byrne will have the Microsoft Teams added to the website. MF advised Ayr Grammar PS received a few thousand £s from the Tesco Token Scheme, perhaps this could be a possibility for Kyle and could assist with such costs. Mrs Harper will contact Show My Homework team to request they come to the school to speak to the PC. KMcH asked if the diaries are utilised. Ms Byrne knows the Pupil Council are keen to have a digital source and will look in to alternatives which are available

AOCB MF will forward Ayr Grammar PS Constitution to MD for comparison purposes.

The school library received some relatively new furniture from the old QMA building; the grand unveiling of the refurbished library will take place at lunchtime on 30/10/19. The Nail Bar/Barista Big Lunch event is on 22/11/19

MD asked if the prelims' timetable had been released yet, Ms Byrne advised it will be out soon. Supported study will take place after school

Tour of the Latest School Refurbishments took place

Date of next meeting Tuesday 26th November 2019