

Kirkcudbright Academy Parent Council AGM

Monday 17th June 2024

Present: Chair: Laura Moodie Clerk: Julia Archibald

Parent Members: Jacqueline White, Emma Harrington

Parent Forum: Rebecca McFarlane

Headmaster: Mr Tuffery

Zoom: Parent Forum: Neil Robins Co-opted member: Lesley Garbutt

1. Welcome and Apologies Gill Durham, Andy McFarlane, Claire Johnstone, Debbie Trotter, Clair Baxter

2. Approval of 2023 AGM Minutes

Proposer: Jacqueline White. Seconder: Emma Harrington

3. Adoption of Revised Constitution It is proposed that the PC constitution from 2019 be replaced by an updated version based on the Connect Model for Parent Councils which presents matters in a clearer format. This proposal was carried unanimously.

4. Chair's Report Submitted in advance.

Laura began by thanking Members and parents for their support over this past year. She emphasised the importance of building relationships especially during Mr Tuffery's secondment when Ms Brown was acting Headteacher. Laura reviewed some of the main activities and achievements of the PC over the year including getting updates and reassurance on RAAC in local schools (not present in Kirkcudbright Academy), attending Education and Learning Committee meetings and Regional Parent Forum meetings, raising issues around school transport provision, fundraising and providing funding for Achieve and the school minibus as well as advocating on behalf of parents and pupils.

As part of her role as a Parent Rep. at Education and Learning Committee meetings Laura has had access to the recent document on Improvements across the D&G School Estate giving the current condition of school buildings, rolls etc. Mr Tuffery commented that he hasn't yet seen this document and is interested to know where Kirkcudbright Academy stands as regards work on improving the fabric of the school. Previously the school had been high on the list as requiring building work and he queried if Kirkcudbright Academy was being overshadowed by work being done on Dumfries Academy.

Laura went on to emphasise the need to focus on fundraising in the coming year and welcomed the end of term performance of Cabaret-Songs from the Musicals and the forthcoming Ceilidh in September as fundraisers.

5. Treasurer's Report

Gill was unable to attend the AGM so her report will be included in the first meeting of next session.

6. Resignation and Election of Office Bearers and Parent Members

Laura and Julia will continue in their current roles. Gill is standing down as Treasurer and a volunteer to take on this role is being sought.

Parent Members - Jacqueline White, Clair Baxter, Clair Johnstone, Emma Harrington remain on the committee along with Co-opted member Lesley Garbutt, Teacher Rep. Shameen Syed and Headteacher Mr Tuffery (advisory).

Two new Parent Members were welcomed: Rebecca McFarlane and Neil Robins.

The following parent members either stood down: Deborah Trotter, May Boam

Laura pointed out that PC members can get involved in the areas that interest them most and Jacqueline said it was important to spread the load and have a list of supporters not necessarily on the committee that can be called on, particularly when running events. Jacqueline also said she would be happy to be a cheque signatory if required for the bank account and Laura emphasised the straightforward nature of the Treasurer role now that the account is online.

7. AOB and Dates of next meetings

Jacqueline updated the committee on the preparations for Cabaret-Songs from the Shows.

Friday tables plus buffet supper and bar has been sold out (very quickly). Requests for tables still coming in but this has been closed at 144 people. Still tickets available for Thursday family show night. Jacqueline suggested that tickets for this could be offered to the new parents from the feeder schools and this was agreed.

Local community businesses have been very supportive with donations of food and drink both for Friday evening supper and bar and for raffle prizes. Sponsors will be thanked and listed in next year's show programme they include Tesco, Co-op, Castle Maclellan, Ethical Dairies, Clann, Dark Skies, Marks and Spencer and others. Grateful thanks to them. Also, many thanks to parents for traybakes for the Friday night supper and to Mrs Clucky who will organise the food on the night.

The cushions are not as good as was hoped and there will be no charge for them.

Bar Licence and card machine are organised.

Action: Laura to check on use of Festivities tent. Gill to provide float of £100 in £1 coins.

September 8th Ceilidh to focus on new families to the school.

Action: Jacqueline to book band (Bruce McKenzie). Mr Tuffery to speak to Mr Nicholson and/or Mr Christie who may be able to call.

Rebecca McFarlane asked whether anything was planned for pupils re: the General Election? Mr Tuffery understands that Miss Hodgeson - Modern Studies is organising something.

Other suggestions for fund-raisers such as Quiz nights, Race Night were made by Emma Harrington - to be considered.

Pupil Leadership Team to be invited to Parent Council meetings.

Action: Julia to get their school email addresses.

Dates of Next Meetings

Monday 26th August

Tuesday 8th October

Tuesday 3rd December

Monday 10th February 2025

Monday 28th April 2025

AGM Monday 16th June 2025 7:00pm

All meetings at 6:00pm in the school library and on Zoom unless otherwise stated.