

Prestwick Academy Parent Council

Minutes of 'Zoom' Meeting – Monday 15th June 2020

In attendance (virtually):

Mark Anderson, Acting Head Teacher; Alastair McIntyre (Chair). Jerry Ferguson (Vice Chair), Euan Terras (Secretary), Fiona Baird (Treasurer), Sheona Johnson, Euan Duncan, Jill Wright, Karen Menzies, Andrea Hammond, Monique Morrison, Joan Brockie, Jillian McIntyre, Gemma Wallbanks, Fiona Heron, Sarah Munro, Alison Wilson, Gillian Evans, Harry Boyce, Jacqueline Risk, Colin Risk, Jacqueline Rowan, Fiona Hainey, Fiona Khaliq, Anne-Marie Tierney, Karen Cooper, Fiona Ireland, Emma Boughen, Pamela Paterson, Pauline Holmes, (Parents), Cllr Hugh Hunter & Cllr Helen Moonie (South Ayrshire Council – Prestwick Ward)

1. Introduction

Alastair McIntyre welcomed everyone to the first virtual Parent Council meeting.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The draft Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th March 2020 had been circulated by email in advance and were unanimously approved.

3. Report from Chair

There were no matters raised by the Chair that would otherwise be discussed later in the meeting.

4. Acting Head Teacher's Report

Mark Anderson gave a brief overview of what the current position was regarding the SQA and the cancellation of this year's exam programme.

He also discussed the recent HIM Report. The full report was not due to be published until the end of June but reported that the school was classed as 'Good' as far as learning & teaching assessment was concerned and 'Good' for raising attainment and achievement. The Report also pointed out particular strengths with the senior leadership in the school, the increasing number of S4s attaining National 5 qualifications and also how effective partnership working was helping to improve motivation, achievement and readiness for work.

The remainder of Mark's Report led into a general discussion about the curriculum model for the next session.

5. Discussion Session

Mark Anderson gave a presentation on what was planned for the new session by way of the blended learning programme which would be implemented from 11th August. This included

the timetabling arrangements and he discussed the content of the letters which has recently been sent out to all parents. He explained how the timetable had been put together and the thinking behind the new procedures. The majority of the discussion session focussed around this subject and included the following topics: start and finishing times procedures; school transport; timetabling; online learning; motivation of young people to learn at home; exam result support; hygiene procedures; school uniform; staff safety; Skype, Microsoft Teams or Zoom; entering and leaving the school building; lunchtimes.

6. AOCB

There was no other business.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is would be the AGM in early September – date still to be fixed (subsequently arranged for 14th September 2020)

8. Close

Alastair thanked everyone for attending online and the meeting closed at 8.45pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair