Parent Council Meeting – Tuesday 26 November 2024

Present: A D'Amico (S6), O Armour, J Brady (S2), M Byrne (HT), Mr and Mrs Edwards (S2/S6), K Frew (S1/S3,) L Gardner (DHT), C Heslop (S2/S5), A Ingram, J Little (DHT), C McClung (S3), K McHarg (S4), L Morrison (S5), S Robertson (S6), M Thomas-Cusick (S1/S4), C Thomson (S2)

Chair: M Thomas

1. Minutes of last Parent Council meeting

Minutes proposed and seconded.

2. Head Teacher's Report – M Byrne

MB provided a report on recent events. See attached.

3. Report from School Captains

School Captains OA and AI) gave an update on Children in Need. S6 raised over £7000 this year from a range of activities. Their work was recognised by Scottish Parliament.

4. Proposed Changes to S3 and S4 Curriculum

MB shared rationale and proposals for change from 6 to 7 National courses in S4. This was shared with all parents in advance of the meeting and a survey has been open for over 2 weeks to gather the views of as many parents as possible. All parents in agreement with the move and positive about the benefits of this for young people. Discussion took place about changes to S3 with some concerns voiced about the narrowing of choice from 9 to 8 and how pupils would be able to select courses that they want to keep until S4. Overall, parent body was in favour of changes.

ACTIONS:

MB to letter parents to clarify the changes and next steps.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 28 January 2025