

Campbeltown Grammar School
Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday 30th October, 2024 at 7pm - CGS

Present:

CGC representatives

Kirsty Donnelly, Head Teacher
Alix Osbourne, Teacher rep.

Office bearers

Joanna Holbrook, Chairperson
Carole Tait, Secretary
Laura Hunter, Treasurer

Committee members

Linda Galbraith
Lizzie Jasper
Andrea MacShannon
Catherine Ann Macauley
Carol McEachran
Susan McMillan
Valerie MacKay
Lorna Reid
Emma Woods

Apologies

'23-24 committee members

Eilidh Anderson
Karen Brodie
Katrina Barr
Malcolm McFadzean
Claire Mitchell
Ruth Russell
Kristin Gillies
Lindsay Griffin
Rebecca Hill
Julie Rutherford

Councillors

John Armour
Jennifer Kelly
Tommy MacPherson

Welcome and apologies

- JH welcomed everyone and apologies received as above. AK has handed in his notice and withdrawn from the committee as a parent as he no longer has children within the school, but is happy to participate where needed in a teaching capacity.

Previous minutes of September 2024

- Susan McMillan was not present at the last meeting – minutes to be amended.
- KD to provide an outcome on LG feedback on the changes in English depart.
- Morag McLean confirmed as contact for audit of the PC and school accounts.

Agenda

Action

1. KD indicated a return visit from HIME with their follow up inspection went well. KD gave an overview on attainment. See attached. There will be an Education Scotland progress report which will focus on Learning & teaching, Curriculum, Tracking progress and attainment and ABC will check in regularly. KD
2. Vacancies for various positions have been posted.
3. EW enquired why 1st year students parents evening was so early on in term time. KD to look into the timetabling of parents evenings. KD highlighted a parent can contact the school anytime to arrange to make appointments with teachers. Feedback on term reports can also be discussed with an appointment. KD
4. Homework – concern over remarks from teachers indicating a student would get detention should they not submit their homework in time was discussed. A concerned parent to pass details onto KD to investigate and

confirmed this should not be the case. CM concerned students are being given too much homework during the holiday periods especially in years 1st to 3rd year. It was requested that no homework be set during the festive period and to reduce or cancel homework during the holidays. KD indicated parents can write their concerns in the homework diary and raise concerns with head teachers. Time limits on homework to be standardised across the years giving students a week to complete work. KD

5. A designated teacher/support teacher to be assigned where the PC can approach for questions on fundraising and other issues. KD

6. Bingo – all present committed to helping in one way or another and it was highlighted the support from staff and parents would be very much appreciated in providing raffle prizes for the bingo to be held on Thursday 7th November, 2024 at 7pm at the Argyll bowling club. Thank you flowers and chocolates to be arranged. EW to make a star hamper prize for the Bingo. JH confirmed Tesco vouchers had been received and awaiting further prizes requested from the Co-op. We are hopeful this event will raise lots of funds to assist the pupils and school for excursions and events throughout the academic school year and EVERY HELP is much appreciated. Donations can be handed into the school reception by Tuesday 5TH November and/or taken on the night. ??

7. An application for the French exchange trip has been sent to CCWF for an amount of £4,500. EW to send a follow up email confirming the PC involvement is also raising funds for this trip. EW

EW confirmed a request had been sent to JA Mitchell for possible funding. AO confirmed 2 pupils will be heading to the next round of Future Chef and has requested funding for travel expenses. PC will revert in due course before committing to the cost request. JH/CM

CAM suggested a burns supper for end of January to take place. SM suggested to approach Kintyre Club for funding also. ALL

It was agreed a separate meeting to take place to discuss funding ideas. ALL

AOB

CM mentioned the school could benefit from an anaphylactic kit and will send all the details to PC to be shared for consideration. A subscription for this equipment would last for 3 years and cost will be advised. Training and guidelines would be given to staff within the school. CM

Next meeting; TBC by KD with suggested dated for 2nd week in December 2024. KD/CT