

# Girvan Academy Parent Council Meeting

4 October 2021

## 1. Attendance:

Sharon Trotter  
Michelle Oellermann  
Mark Anderson,  
Councillor Fitzsimmons,  
Alex Scott,  
Giles Skiba,  
Sheona Johnson,  
Pamela Waugh,  
Councillor Alex Clark,  
Leslie Forbes

## 2. Apologies:

Councillor Henderson  
Vikki Shaw

## 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes from previous meeting were approved (13/09/2021)

## 4. Matters Arising:

### Fundraising

There are a number of grants available. Suggestions for funding placement were music department for instruments and PE department for equipment.

- Sharon to identify and match available grants for application. Leslie volunteered to help with form filling and Mark Anderson is the liaison between the School and Parent council.
- funding stream of £500-00 toward Education ability has been submitted. If successful this will go towards the gardens and a new composter.

### Parent Evenings (S1, S4-S6)

- Mark Anderson made us aware of a website specifically designed to facilitate teacher-parent meetings. This is a possible alternative to phone calls for the parent evenings.

<https://parents-booking.co.uk/>

- a number of advantages, no need for children login. can be integrated with the school system. automatic call shuffle, Can book in individually or on an automated system.
- can dial into the meeting from separate places for parents in different places.
- flexible on devices
- Cost £370 yearly subscription £470 for video conferencing
- School Cloud is another option.

- If there is a positive response from PC the system can be trial S4 on 16 Nov, then P6 23 Nov and S1 on 7 December
- Leslie noted that there may be some who are dubious about technology and not use the system
- encourage them to use the system or use a phone call if they are worried. overstate the simplicity of the system. It is just a website.

## Anti- Litter Competition

- Sharon Trotter has contacted Lynne Sykes but awaiting an answer  
Alec Clark to remind her on Thursday
- Teachers happy to support.
- Gift vouchers from Ice-cream parlours for age group prizes (3) Michelle to source

## Parents ad Partners

This document is nearly complete and ready for publication and distribution

## PC Update

PC Johnston was unavailable for an update at this time.

## Congestion on Coalpots Road

- Coalpots is being surveyed for a 20 mph limit for Invergarven
- Representation from Ayrshire Roads alliance, and the Council. Still waiting for a reply from them.
- The Avenue is also under investigation.
- Police Scotland to actively monitor Coalpots and surrounding roads for speed reduction.

## Prize Giving

The prize giving was online this year.

Sharon Trotter asked that a huge congratulations on behalf of the Parent council be passed to Mrs Ceates for an outstanding presentation.

It was noted that the pupil council teacher award was given to Mrs Ceates.

## 5. Head Teacher Report

Mark Anderson shared the Head teacher report update which has been emailed to all on the council.

## 6. Treasurers Report

The treasurer was unavailable for an update.

A/c balance was £1007.50 at the last meeting. £170 was given towards the prize giving so that balance should be £830.50.

## 7. AOB

### Correspondence:

letter notifying the Parent Council Chairpersons meeting has been received.

## 8. Next meeting

8th November, 17th January, 7th March, 9th May and 6th June.