

## **GIRVAN ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL (7 March 2022)**

1. The GAPC meeting took place online, via Zoom at 6.30pm on Monday, 7 March 2022.

2. Attendance:

Sharon Trotter (Chair)

Elaine Denham (Treasurer)

Mark Anderson (Head Teacher)

Cllr. Peter Henderson

Jim Waugh

Sheona Johnson

3. Apologies:

Leslie Forbes (Vice Chair)

Michelle Oellerman (Secretary)

Cllr. Alec Clark

Cllr. Ian Fitzsimmons

Alex Scott (Depute Head Teacher)

Gabbi Duval

PC Dan Johnstone

Kasia Kowalska

Claire McCormick

Pamela Griffin

Victoria Shaw

Giles Skiba

4. Minutes of previous meeting were not available at this time, but will be forwarded as soon as possible. The secretary had been ill with COVID.

## 5. Fundraising / Grants -

- a. Grants. ST had forwarded a list of possible grants for the GAPC to apply for on behalf of the school. MA has passed the list around the teachers for feedback.
  - b. Lowland Gathering. LF could not be present at the meeting, but asked if the GAPC could set up a stand at the next Lowland Gathering on 5th June 2022. ST asked for ideas to fundraise. JW explained there was a William Grant fund the GAPC could apply for to buy prizes for the stall, rather than have 'bottles' donated.
  - c. Glasgow Kilt Walk. ST will be signing up to do the Kiltwalk in Glasgow on 24th April. Other parents / carers were invited to take part. There are three routes - The Mighty Stride (22.6miles), The Big Stroll (14.5miles) and The Wee Wander (3-5miles). ST will forward a poster to publicise the event.
6. ST explained the Parental Involvement and Engagement Census and encouraged parents / carers to take part in the survey. The PIE survey closes on the 1st April. Link :- <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PIE2022/>
7. Headteacher Report. MA provided an overview of the Head Teacher Report and emailed a copy for GAPC members.
8. Treasurer Report. ED provided the Treasurer's report. There is £837.50 in the account.
9. AOB
- a. Safety Issues. Discussions over traffic on Coalpots Road continued from the last meeting, particularly the speed of vehicles. PH gave assurances the police had conducted speed checks. Speed signs are presently under consideration to tackle the problem.
  - b. PH reiterated concerns over food shortages the looming impact of the reduction in Universal Credit, end of furlough and the increase in N.I and utility bills on our pupils and families. South Ayrshire Council was also preparing for housing /supporting Ukrainian refugees.
  - c. JW and MA will arrange to get together to discuss William Grant apprenticeships for school leavers at a later date.

- d. PH informed the GAPC Cllr Ian Fitzsimmons will be stepping down.
- e. ST asked about the relaxed rules for school uniform during COVID restrictions with classrooms being ventilated. Whilst it was acceptable to make allowances for additional / warmer attire to be worn, standards in dress had slipped on a few occasions. MA confirmed there is spare school uniform available at the school for pupils.

10. Correspondence Minutes of the PC Chair Meeting on 8 Feb 22, National e-learning poster and Community Mental Health and Well-being supports for Children & Young People were emailed to GAPC members for their information.

11. Close. The meeting closed at 8.15pm. The next GAPC meeting is on 9th May (and 6th June).