



Girvan Academy Parent Council

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GIRVAN ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL (GAPC) **ANNUAL REPORT 2023**

It has been another busy year for the Parent Council from our fundraising work in partnership with the school, through to grant applications in support of pupil health and wellbeing. Success in raising money has only been possible because of the support given to us by parents/carers, pupils, staff and local businesses, whether 'Kilt-walking', baking, growing plants, painting nails, selling raffle tickets, sponsorship, donating prizes, through to simply helping on a stall. We have made friends along the way and had lots of fun!

Fundraising : The dedication and hard work of our team has been successful with £2,881 raised through the Girvan Academy Spring Fayre, Carrick Lowland Gathering and the Glasgow Kiltwalk. We have facilitated the implementation of the 'Rag Bag' Scheme which provides funds direct to the school fund account.

William Grants Distillery contributions to the school have been both generous and consistent with whisky and gin bottles for raffle prizes and a £200 cash donation which funded our new banners and t-shirts for the Kiltwalk.

Grants: Our treasurer has worked hard to secure £17,654 in grants which has supported school initiatives such as the 'Cost of the School Day', Christmas parcels (South Ayrshire Toy Bank), Christmas Food Hampers, the Breakfast Club, Hygiene Packs, Preparation Stations (free stationery) and free uniforms. We acknowledge the financial support from Asda Foundation and South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership in helping fund these initiatives. Grant money kindly provided through Foundation Scotland from Kilgallioch Community Fund and Carrick Futures also funded school trips and activities such as The 3 Lochs Water Sports day, Christmas Pantomime, Glasgow Science Centre, Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat and a number of trips to Murrayfield for various international Rugby matches. Further funding courtesy of Carrick Futures and Foundation Scotland allowed us to purchase a gazebo and organise activities for 2024 such as a 'Tough Mudder' and 'Inflatable rewards days'.

Transport costs remain one of the largest challenges to school trips and we are very grateful to all our funders for their support and we remain committed to providing this financial support to ensure these trips continue for the benefit of all.

Prize Giving: As well as making our customary contribution to the School Prize Giving event, on this occasion we gifted a new award, 'Leadership in Service'. This is in recognition of the selfless commitment a pupil has made in services to the school and/or community.

School engagement - The Parent Council meets once every two months. This is our opportunity to find out more about the Girvan Academy School Improvement Plan, school initiatives and activities in a forum where we are able to provide feedback and comment. The discussions also enable parents and carers to raise their concerns and provide a parental perspective on their child's experiences. Identifying how to support the school is an essential function of our business and regular meetings enable our support and involvement. The dates of forthcoming meetings is enclosed.

Looking forward, we hope to build on our achievements whether it is running or participating in similar fundraising events as in the last academic year, or finding new opportunities. Local fetes and festivals in your area could offer such an opportunity, so if you have an idea for a stall or fundraiser please let us know! Volunteering does not need to be a significant commitment - a cake, a prize donation, sponsorship or an hour of your time would be enough to support our efforts. As always we welcome your engagement and look forward to meeting you this coming term.

Kind Regards

Mrs Sharon Trotter

Chair
Girvan Academy Parent Council (GAPC)

Encl.

1. GAPC Meetings 2023/24 (dates)
2. GAPC Members 2023/24



Girvan Academy Parent Council Meetings (2023/24)

Girvan Academy Parent Council (GAPC) meetings are held in the school conference room. A Microsoft Teams link enables parents/carers to join the meeting remotely. Notification with all the details are sent out prior to each meeting and minutes are published on the school website. The dates are as follows:

- Monday 18th September 2023 (AGM)
- Monday 6th November 2023
- Wednesday 24th January 2024
- Wednesday 13th March 2024
- Wednesday 15th May 2024
- Wednesday 12th June 2024



Girvan Academy
Parent Council Members
2023/24



Chair : Mrs Sharon Trotter

Vice Chair : Mr Jim Waugh

Secretary : Mrs Michelle Oellerman

Treasurer : Mrs Elaine Denham