



Kinross High School Parent Council  
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**Kinross High School Parent Council  
 Tuesday 29th September 2020**

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Laura Alexander (Chair) Rosemary Cameron (Clerk) Catriona Culley (Treasurer) Sarah Brown (Head Teacher) Paul Rosie (PT Performing Arts) Christina Smith Gemma Toon Heather Wilkins Vicki Wilson Heidi Cameron Catriona Scott Nicola Carmichael Lynn Caldwell Karin Taylor Cara Bell (School Captain) Molly Docherty (School Captain) Olivia Kuipers (School Captain)	Clare Stephen Kath Davis Karen Dunlop Sheena Buchanan

**Minutes**

<b>1. Welcome, introductions and apologies</b>	The meeting was held via Zoom with Laura as host. Apologies were received from Clare Stephen, Kath Davis, Karen Dunlop and Sheena Buchanan.
<b>2. Review of previous minutes and actions arising</b>	<p>The minutes for August were proposed by Vicki Wilson and seconded by Gemma Toon.</p> <p>Actions arising:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Send a representative from the PC to school assemblies - on hold due to Covid restrictions.</li> <li>2. Planning for a 10k run - Laura Alexander has contacted John McTaggart but he is unable now to get involved with this. We will discuss at the next meeting. In the meantime Laura to see if John could provide some tips for us to help organise a run.</li> <li>3. Invite Paul Rosie to the next meeting. Complete.</li> <li>4. Ask if pupils could stay on the bus. Mrs Brown has done this but has not had a response yet. A survey of pupils indicated that it was not a problem at the moment. Complete.</li> <li>5. Agree a system for blazer sales. Complete.</li> <li>6. Invite English or Maths heads of faculty to November meeting plus Careers Advice teacher. Continuing.</li> <li>7. The School Captains attended this meeting. Complete.</li> <li>8. Re-issue Covid guidance. Complete.</li> </ol>

<p><b>3. Head Teacher's Report</b></p>	<p><b>Staff News</b>  Ms S Smith has joined the Maths Dept.  Mrs K Richardson will join Support for Learning after the October break.  Mrs M Hunter will be staying in the PE Dept for the rest of the academic year.  Mrs G MacRae will take over from Mrs Burn as PT Social Studies from November.</p> <p><b>SQA Update</b>  A consultation with stakeholders has taken place and Professor Priestley is undertaking a review. An announcement is expected on 6-10-20.  School staff are capturing evidence more formally this year.</p> <p><b>Recovery Plan</b> (in place of School Improvement Plan)  There have been no +ve Covid cases this term however Mrs Brown expects that we may have some next term. Hopes of any relaxation of the current rules at the moment are fading due to the national situation.  Specific guidance has been issued for PE/HE/Music/Art and an update is expected for PE which is still outdoors at the moment.  CPK are now operating on Friday evenings and weekends from the campus.  Live Active Leisure (LAL) are now active outdoors and are hoping to be able to use indoor facilities on the campus from the 19th October.  The school is moving to a 2-week timetable with 4 periods per day - 3 doubles and 1 single. This should help resolve problems with double doubles and allow CMIS registration. The start time will be brought forward to 0855 with 40 minutes for lunch and hot food for all year groups. No other changes are anticipated for the rest of the school year.  The one way system has been adjusted and should be followed except at start and end of the day. No public on campus during the school day. Dress code still relaxed as the changing rooms still cannot be used. Clothes will need to be warm in winter due to the requirement for extra ventilation. A question was asked about allowing senior pupils to use lockers which are currently out of bounds due to difficulties with cleaning. Action Sarah Brown to consider if this would be possible.  The school calendar has been developed and is now with the staff group for comment. S4 prelims will probably be in December with S5 in January - to be finalised week beginning 5 October and communicated to parents.  The Standards and Quality Report is on the school website and covers work up until the lockdown in March.</p>
<p><b>4. Presentation by Paul Rosie, Performing Arts</b></p>	<p>The department has 4 part-time drama teachers and 4 full-time music teachers.  Drama - Mrs Burns, Miss MacNab, Mrs MacPherson, Mrs Milne  Music - Mr Rosie, Miss Caldwell, Mr Scrimgeour, Mr Turnbull  The dept had excellent exam results, mostly validated by SQA. There were theatre trips to Pitlochry Theatre and the Kings Theatre in Edinburgh last year. This will not be possible this year and so use is being made of recordings and live broadcasts from theatres.</p>

	<p>The drama studio cannot be used due to lack of ventilation and so other rooms are being used in its place.</p> <p>There has been a dip in drama uptake this year - hopefully this will improve with the staff situation now more stable.</p> <p>Music and Music Technology are both growing in popularity with both being offered to Advance Higher. The National Progression Award in Music Business is proving popular too.</p> <p>The Instrumental Music Service is delivering lessons in school and online (woodwind, brass and singing are not permitted in school). The dept is working with Scottish Pipes and Drums Trust to try and get bagpipe tuition when the current restrictions on wind instruments are lifted.</p> <p>There are challenges in resourcing equipment for Music Technology - more Apple Macs are needed plus microphones and stands. Action Paul Rosie to provide Laura with a list of requirements.</p> <p>Pupils are attending the Royal Scottish Conservatoire Junior School and the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland which is a great achievement for the department.</p>
<b>5. Introduction to School Captains</b>	<p>Cara Bell, Olivia Kuipers and Molly Docherty joined the meeting to tell us what they have been doing.</p> <p>The prefects have been supervising lunch breaks, ensuring that Covid rules are followed. The Captains are recruiting S1-S5 vice captain teams and had an induction day on the 22nd Sept. Benarty is concentrating on its house identity.</p> <p>Ochils is looking at issues and prejudices</p> <p>Lomond is doing general life skills.</p> <p>The School Captains are doing 5 a day meetings building links in the school, asking the same questions as the Senior Management Team. There is a PR team doing video bulletins and they are forging community links.</p> <p>They are fundraising for this year's chosen charities - Broke not Broken and the Stephen Lloyd Foundation. An 80's themed day has already raised £700 via Parentpay. Cara Bell will ask the fundraising team to speak to the Parent Council to liaise on fundraising efforts.</p>
<b>6. Blazer Sales Update</b>	<p>The school office is dealing with blazer sales and this has been going really well. The blazers are ordered via email with payment by Parentpay and they are collected on Friday afternoons. We need to get a stock take done before ordering more blazers in November - action Gemma Toon to see how this could be done given the current access restrictions to the school.</p>
<b>6. Finance Update</b>	<p>The accounts are currently with the auditor.</p> <p>Blazer account - £8024.43</p> <p>General account - £1761.68</p> <p>We should receive the PKC grant in November after the accounts have been audited.</p>
<b>7. Planning and Working Session</b>	<p>It was decided to invite either English or Maths to the November meeting plus Careers Advice. Whichever of English and Maths does not come to the November meeting will be invited to the December meeting. Action Laura Alexander.</p> <p>The position of Vice Chair is currently vacant. If anyone feels that they would be able to stand in for Laura and chair a meeting if required (bearing in mind that meetings are currently</p>

	held by Zoom) please email Laura on KinrossHSParentCouncil@gmail.com. There may be extra funds available to schools due to Covid - if anyone has any knowledge of funds available please email Laura.
<b>8. AOB</b>	The school office thanked the parent council for the goodies we gave them. Once again parents thanked the school staff for all their efforts during this difficult time.

Date of next meeting: **Tuesday 3rd November**

<b>No</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Actionee</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
1	Send a representative from the PC to school assemblies.	Laura Alexander	On hold
2	Planning for a 10k run - Laura to see if John could provide a crib sheet to help us.	Laura Alexander	03/11/20
3	See if S5 and S6 could use lockers.	Sarah Brown	03/11/20
4	Provide Laura with a list of requirements for Music Technology equipment.	Paul Rosie	03/11/20
5	Liaise with the school to get a blazer stock take done.	Gemma Toon	03/11/20
6	Invite English or Maths heads of faculty to November meeting plus Careers Advice teacher.	Laura Alexander	03/11/20