

Kinross High School Parent Council Kinross High School Loch Leven Community Campus Muirs Kinross KY13 8FQ

# Kinross High School Parent Council Tuesday 24th August 2021

Attendance	Apologies
Cedric Wilkins (Chair)	Laura Paterson
Laura Alexander	Izzy Whyte
Andrew Baxby (Depute Headteacher)	
Christina Smith	
Gemma Toon (Treasurer)	
Nicola Carmichael	
David Archer	
Catherine Archer	
Michelle Robertson	
Lisa O'Hare	
Catriona Scott	
Nicola Hearnden	
Katherine Douglas	
Bernadette Woodhouse (Head of Catering)	
George Cobb	
Rosemary Cameron (Clerk)	

# **Minutes**

# 1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

The meeting was held via Zoom with Cedric Wilkins as chair and Rosemary Cameron as host. Apologies were received prior to the meeting as above.

## 2. Review of previous minutes and actions arising

The minutes for June were approved with one change - 28th February should read 1st March in the list of dates for forthcoming meetings.

# Actions arising:

No	Action	Actionee	Status
1	Send a representative from the PC to school assemblies.	Cedric Wilkins	On hold - assemblies are not currently taking place
2	Transfer bank signatories to new office bearers	Catriona Cully and new office bearers	Ongoing
3	Laura Alexander to ask Heather Wilkins if she would be willing to become Chair	Laura Alexander	Complete - Cedric Wilkins agreed
4	Buy a Zoom licence	Rosemary Cameron	Complete
5	Send presentation on PC to George Cobb	Laura Alexander	Complete
6	Send the list of dates for next year to the new Chair and Vice-Chairs	Rosemary Cameron	Complete

7	Invite Bernadette Woodhouse to the August	Rosemary	Complete
	meeting	Cameron	

## 3. Head Teacher's Report

Many thanks to Andrew Baxby for standing in for Sarah Brown at short notice.

#### New staff

Ying Yan and Wang Chen - Mandarin (Confucius)

Elizabeth Philips - Enhanced Provision (PKC)

Morgan MacLeod - Digital Marketing Apprentice (PKC)

Drama –appointed this week (KHS)

## Staff moving on

Sarah Gallier (PSA)

Karen Dalrymple (PSA)

Paul Becher (Modern Languages)

## Covid - mitigations in school

Continue until the end of September

Minor adjustments consistent with wider society

New policy on self isolation/track and trace

Level 0 mitigations for specialist areas (Drama, Music, PE and Dance) meaning they are almost back to normal

The one way system and separate year group entrances will stay

Uniform is still relaxed for pupils on PE days due to the continued unavailability of the changing rooms. Lockers are also still unavailable at present but the school hopes to make these available after the October break.

# Personal Mitigations

Face coverings are retained as are hygiene and ventilation

Hand sanitising instead of hand washing has speeded up entrance allowing time for TSG Staying on campus is easing with new guidance out by 27th August

Now a minimum of 1m physical distance for adults however close contact is deemed to have occurred if less than 2m distant for more than 15 minutes (highly unlikely in the school under current guidelines and so no school contacts count for track and trace)

#### Covid numbers

A small number of pupils have tested positive however there is no indication of transmission within the school.

All staff will be offered two vaccine doses by the end of September

There is no indication at present that vaccination will be offered at the school. If this changes the school would welcome it.

The school does not get the results of lateral flow tests.

## **SQA Results**

The pass rate is much the same as previous years but with more pupils attaining the higher grades

35 pupils achieved 7As at N5 (up from 20 last year)

27 S5 pupils achieved 5 Highers (1 got 6)

57 S5/6 pupils could not have done better! (up from 24 last year)

Including 13 getting 5 As at Higher and 2 getting 3 As at Advanced Higher

1 pupil achieved 5 A band 1s at Higher

## S1 Induction

Went very well with the help of S6 leaders

Very strong start

S1 have settled well

## TSG

Moved to year group format Positive response so far Targeted activities Wellbeing Community

## Transition(s)

## 4. School Catering Update

Bernadette Woodhouse joined the zoom meeting from the school office where she was dealing with problems with the pre-order app. The changes to a healthier menu have generally been well-received. Pupils with specific allergies can get advice from the catering team as to which menu items would be suitable for them. Pupils who are unable to access the app can get a paper order form at TSG every morning. The S6 prefects have been very helpful in managing the dining arrangements.

# 5. Blazer Sales Update

19 blazers have been sold since the last update and Gemma has done a stock take. There is still the possibility of doing an outside sale but this would best be done once pupils are back wearing uniform all the time - at the moment, they are not required to on days when they have PE.

## 6. Finance Update

No change from the last meeting.

## 7. Planning and Working Session

Ideas for future meetings:

Invite school captains, local councillors (usually January), the school business manager, PE Department.

Discuss exams.

Discuss fundraising.

English and Maths are always popular with parents. Action Rosemary Cameron to provide the Chair and Vice-Chairs with a list of who has been invited to the PC over the last 2 years. A presentation on course choice/careers at the appropriate time in the year would be helpful. Invite Andrew Baxby to talk about the school timetable.

#### **8. AOB**

There was no other business

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 28th September

No	Action	Actionee	Timescale
1	Send a representative from the PC to school assemblies.	Chair/Vice-Chairs	On hold
2	Transfer bank signatories to new office bearers	Catriona Culley and new office bearers	End of 2021
3	Provide the Chair and Vice-Chairs with a list of who has been invited to the PC over the last 2 years	Rosemary Cameron	28/09/21