

Renfrew High School Parent Council Meeting 1 June 2023

Minutes

In Attendance: Maureen Kerrigan (Chair), Catherine Thomas (Minutes), Billy Burke (Head Teacher), Martin Paton (DHT), Gill MacKay, Susan Dillon Fraser, Irene Boyd, Tracy Lundie, Nikki Miller.

Apologies: Fiona Kerr, Michael Shearer, Alison Moyes, Lorraine Cairns, Lydia Brown, Jackie Gray, Heather Henderson.

Minutes of previous minutes: Approved: Martin Paton Seconded:

Head Teachers Update:

School has achieved a Gold Fair Trade award; school had previously held the award at bronze level. And an LGBTQ+ charter.

The school has also bid for the Sports Scotland School of Sports Gold award.

Billy thanked the pupils for their hard work to achieve the awards.

The SQA exam diet is now complete.

Two new teaching posts have been appointed including Head of Home Economics, cookery and textiles.

Teaching Vacancies - Principal teacher of PE, maternity cover in Chemistry and Geography. Billy hopes the school will be fully staffed for the start of the new term in August.

S6 Prom is taking place next week at the Lyndhurst hotel Johnstone.

The Sports Awards dinner on 15th June is being held in the Glynnhill hotel and upwards of 100 pupils and families have been invited. Funding for the award was discussed, and the PC agreed to contribute to the event.

Both the BGE and senior phase awards ceremonies will be held in August this year to accommodate work taking place in the theatre.

The school show this year is Annie and will run for two nights, 21st and 22nd June. Tickets can be purchased now at a cost of £5 or £3 concession.

School Funds: Billy expressed his desire for education to be free for all as far as possible, for example removing the cost of PE Kits and Home economics. To that

end, Billy asked the PC to consider new and additional fundraising activities and, where appropriate, with the pupils. The PC discussed this, and whilst all were in favour, a small working group would be formed to take fundraising forward.

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School Improvement: A survey will be sent out via text Billy encouraged PC members to complete the survey and if possible, share via our social pages.

Vaping in Schools: A lively discussion took place around the dangers of vaping, particularly for young people, what the school was doing to address this and the need to engage parents in the discussion. Billy would like to share an information video on the dangers of vaping with parents.

AOCM: The uniform swap shop will be running again, MK asked parents to hand in any donations into the school.

DONM: The next meeting will be held in the new term, date tbc, this will also be the AGM and MK reminded the PC that office bearers would be appointed at this meeting.

The Chair wished everyone a lovely summer.