

Dumfries Academy Parent council minutes

Thursday 29th September – 6.30pm –

Dumfries Academy – G4

Present = Mrs Joanna Dillon (Rector), Dr Julianna Gordon (Deputy Head), Sharron Harper (Chair), Laura Farrell (vice chair), Lucile Giriat (treasurer), Sharmilla (accompanied by Lionel Joseph), Melanie McEwan, Vira Kopinska, Inna Ailenka, Gregor, Archie, Eve (S6 leaders)

1. Apologies - Apologies – Rosie Harper (S6 leader) Victoria and Kirsty Hulme
Welcome from Sharron Harper, everyone introduced themselves.
2. Previous minutes = Joanne Dillon to look for them. PC to ask Victoria.
3. S6 leaders – Eve, Gregor and Archie shared their roles and responsibilities as S6 leaders
 - Supervise breaks and lunches to help with younger children.
 - Committees have been set up – Year book, Minerva, H&WB/nurture, Charities, Events, S6 leavers/hoodies and dance and prom.
 - S6 leaders are keen to network/build connections with the parent council, to help support events for the learners at DFA.
4. HT update – Joanne to email Laura Farrell the minutes.
5. Treasurer update – Current balance is £1013.81 (3/7/22). Currently having difficulties with setting up online banking. Sharron and Lucile to look into switching banks. Old signatories to be taken off and Sharron and Laura to be put on, Lucile will send the appropriate paperwork.
6. Parent council resource – Sharon shared guidance for parent councils. Pam Shuttleworth is the new Parent council advisor. We need to check with Kirsty if we are registered with Connect. Sharron suggested the parent council constitution be reviewed to ensure everything was up to date and was meeting the needs of the parent council.
7. School refurb update – currently has funding of 23 million – approx. 16.7 million for Dumfries Academy and 6 million for the relocation of Loreburne Primary. There has been several proposals put forward including knocking down the tower block, music and PE department to build new facilities. New proposal, which has already gone to council, is to include the bridge into the plans to try and gain more funding (LEIP.) Mrs Dillon was given very short notice of these plans and has still to gain comprehensive views from senior management, staff and pupils. It was suggested that the next parent council meeting will include education department representatives and will be a single agenda meeting – Refurbishment of Dumfries Academy. Scott Grant (project manager) is now onsite and Dumfries Academy.
8. AOCB –

- Lottery re-launch and Facebook page set up – this is to be done ASAP to help raise funds for the parent council. The PayPal account has been set up to allow payments to be made directly to the PC bank account.
- Facebook page will be used as a tool to communicate with the wider community.
- Senior awards evening (Tuesday 4th October), parent council have been asked to attend and help assist with refreshments.

End of Meeting = 7.40pm

Date of Next meeting – Wednesday 2nd November 2022, at Dumfries Academy.