

IRVINE ROYAL ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING 16th January 2023

IN ATTENDANCE: Tracy Lindsay (Chairperson), Elizabeth Frew (Vice-Chairperson), Mandy Wilson (Treasurer) Linzie Sloan (Headteacher), Jill Hosie (Deputy Headteacher), Dionne Gordon (Outreach Worker), Kirsty Bryson, Emma Baird, Amanda McGeachie

APOLOGIES: Maurene Richmond

MINUTE TAKER: Tracy Lindsay

ITEM	ACTION
1. <u>Welcome</u> Welcome to all attendees.	
2. <u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> Nothing to report.	
3. <u>Treasurer Update</u> TL gave an update on spending from December to January: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• £138.30 for Royal Reward treats• £29.75 for tuck shop supplies @ Christmas Concert• £9.75 for thank you gift for Santa• £6.60 for plastic glasses @ Christmas Concert• Flowers for Maurene Richmond following the sad bereavement of her dad• Donation to Castlepark Parent Council £60 £209 was raised at the Christmas Concert tuck shop/bottle stall There is £177.95 in petty cash tin There is £7068 in the bank. £3000 of this is from PB Funding from Mental Health Commission, £2000 is from the Robertson Trust for Royal Resources	

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4. Head Teacher Update

- School is closed tomorrow due to strike action (17th January). There are additional strikes planned.
- The Family Engagement sessions which took place in December 2022 were successful. On 20th January the Steering Group will meet to review upcoming events and create a schedule.
- A Mental Health Discussion Dinner is taking place on 7th February, booking instructions were sent out to parents/carers today. This event will provide information about mental health services and supports available for young people. A hot meal and hot drinks will be provided.
- LS is looking to provide Adult Learning Classes for parents/carers, with an initial focus on literacy and numeracy. An e-mail has been sent to all staff with regards to who can facilitate this and when.
- LS is keen to involve parents/carers with volunteer opportunities in the school in different areas. LS will set up a meeting with parents/carers to discuss this further.
- LS thanked the staff who took pupils on the recent ski trip to Pila in Italy. Feedback from the staff was that the group were one of the best they had taken.
- S4-S6 prelims started today. 109 pupils have AAA support, meaning support for S1-S3 pupils will be limited for the next 2 weeks.
- S2-S3 virtual options took place today.
- BGE reviews/Attainment meetings will be taking place next week.
- Interviews for S2-S5 leadership roles will take place before February's inset. 50 young people have applied for these roles.
- **Royal Resources:** the old common room next to the dining hall will be used as a shop space for Royal Resources, making it easier for parents/carers to access during school events. Clyde Studios will be doing signage. Flooring, shelving, and rails have been ordered. Two changing rooms will be built. An appeal will be put out for parent volunteers to help run the resource. Shoes/trainers are badly needed – EF will contact companies to ask for donations/vouchers. £There has been a decline in pupils wearing uniforms recently. DG has applied for a Cost-of-Living Grant through Cash For Kids to help support families who need it.
- Lastly, there will be budget cuts within North Ayrshire Council in the next year, which means there will be staffing cuts to the school.

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<p>5. <u>Christmas Concert Update</u> Thank you to the volunteers who helped with the tuck shop/bottle stall at the Christmas Concert. £209 was raised (£120 from the bottle stall). Thank you to Castlepark Parent Council who provided the bottles for the bottle stall – £60 was given back to Castlepark as a donation. Thank you to S Muirhead and family, and B McVey and family for helping out on the evening.</p>	
<p>6. <u>Mental Health Commission Showcase/PB Budget</u> TL and EF attended this event in December. This was hosted by Nairn McDonald, with the purpose of the event to showcase the work that young people have done around investigating and solving mental health issues. The Parent Council were awarded £3000 PB Funding, which will be used to provide mental health supports in the school. JH advised the meeting that 3 targeted groups of young people will be identified in the school, and £1000 will go towards these supports using the charity Megan's Space. A focus will be on exam anxiety and supports for males, as there is a gap in these supports.</p>	
<p>7. <u>Food Poverty Mini-Enquiry</u> TL, EF and DG attended this event last week, which looked at food poverty in North Ayrshire. It highlighted the good work being done in the community but there needs to be work done around advertising what is available to families. LS and DG are organising a Community Connection Carousel on the 23rd March, where representatives from different service, such as Youth Forum, Food Larder, Housing, and Money Matters will speak about what they offer. A hot meal will be provided.</p>	
<p>8. <u>Fundraising Ideas</u> TL has asked everyone present to think about future fundraising ideas for the Parent Council, and to feedback at the next meeting. Looking to organise something for around May.</p>	

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<p>9. <u>AOB</u> Robert Walsh, Senior Project Officer, is invited to February's meeting to discuss his project, which is designed for members of the armed forces and their families. TL will liaise with Robert regarding this.</p> <p>EF has been in contact with Ardagh Glass to ask them if they can help fund or provide supplies for Home Economics, as there is a shortage of equipment such as wooden spoons and aprons.</p> <p>AM and EB suggested that pupils design a cookbook which could then be sold to raise funds for the school, this would include recipes that can be made on a budget. This is something the Parent Council can investigate.</p>	<p>TL will liaise with Robert Walsh.</p>
<p>10. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u> Date of the next meeting is on Monday 20th February 2023, taking place in the school. TL will contact office to arrange let.</p>	<p>TL to contact office to arrange let.</p>