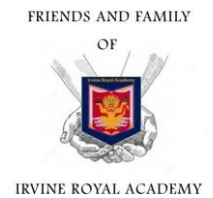


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PARENT COUNCIL

AMBITION RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY



MINUTES
9th October 2023

IN ATTENDANCE: Tracy Lindsay, Elizabeth Frew, Maurene Richmond,
Marie Harvey, Dionne Gordon, Jill Hosie, Yvonne Kinghorn, Kirsty Bryson,
Mandy Wilson, Elaine Coll, Clare Rough, Linzi Sloan (HT)
SPLT: Chloe Warnock, Melissa Maclean, Amy Davidson

Apologies: Pamela Jack, Barbara McVey, Charlene Thornton,
Amanda McGeachie, Jacqueline Wallace

ITEM	ACTION
1. <u>Welcome</u> Welcome attendees, and acknowledgement of apologies.	
2. <u>Treasurer Report</u> Currently £1648.09 in the bank. Transferred £2,000 to Lets Looc (Learn Outside of the Classroom) for 35hrs working with some of our young people. Transferred £500 for the PE T-shirts. £120 belongs to ticket sales for forthcoming night out. £900 belongs to mental health grant.	
3. <u>HT Update</u> Senior phase tracking and monitoring has just been quality assured – should be with pupils at Registration on Wednesday morning. Covering sheet to explain additional courses and grading around non-SQA courses.	

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<p>Tracking tutorials are in place for where young people are under-achieving in particular subject areas. The plan is for the second week back after the October break, there will be a specific timetable created for young people in particular classes to engage in specific work with a specialist to try and get back on track and up to speed to where they need to be.</p> <p>This will be the first year trialling this beyond normal interventions currently in place. Still need to decide criteria – going to extended leadership team on Thursday to put out to ELT to look at who are we best to target, need focus on who and why. Essentially class teachers, subject specialists, will come out of BGE classes to target support in senior phase.</p> <p>Tomorrow is World Mental Health Day so we are doing a Wear It Yellow to try and raise funds for mental health and wellbeing resources. Credit to Mental Health ambassadors who have been really proactive over the recent period delivering at assemblies and a Parents Night. Very high profile. Well supported by Jacqui and Gordon.</p> <p>Collating, thanks to efforts of pupil leadership team, high level messages from S1 parents night. 70% uptake – highest ever of S1 parents and carers. A very positive night all round. £90 made by senior pupil's bake sale. Mental Health ambassadors present and MWOW ambassadors present. A few things raised – access to digital devices and google classroom. Once all information collated, LS will contact people individually and hear a bit more about challenges. Concerns on surveys will be followed up. A positive night. Seniors acted as support guides.</p> <p>Parents in Partnership ends this Friday with social subjects and maths. Been a positive few weeks so far.</p> <p>First family fun night this week, Halloween themed treasure hunt, arts and crafts, dooking for apples. Lindsay Cook, Sophie Merilees and John have designed a fun treasure hunt. Senior pupils will support that. Soup, bread and sweet treats available. 94 spaces booked so far. P6/7 also invited. This Wednesday, 430-6pm.</p>	

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<p>DG – food parcels available, welfare rights person will be attending and rep from families outside, who support families who have a family member in prison, as a drop in.</p> <p>LS advised a communication will be distributed re bringing in sweatshirts etc for badges, which will also be available on the night.</p> <p>Second parent conversation café this week, kicks off at 9.30am on Thursday. Last month was meet our Campus Police Officer PC Lewis, this month is meet our school nurses. 6 signed up at last count.</p> <p>Royal Recognition this week. JC – data has been pulled. Looking at attendance, late coming and number of merits retained (everyone gets one merit per period per day). Data is currently sitting with house teams to quality assure. Will be collated on Friday and text sent out to parents and carers on Friday and goes towards inter-house points as well at the end of term.</p> <p>Uniform – pizza party on Thursday afternoon for winning register classes from each year group which has upheld the most uniform points. Register teachers do a uniform mark every day.</p> <p>Week beginning 23rd October is next family house time. Each house every month will select 10 young people – different criteria to streamline a little. Last one was first years to get to know them, next set are 100% attendance so far. This is on the back of school improvement plan pupil feedback, pupils asked for more time with house teams.</p> <p>LS also carried out a focus group of 10 young people and now for monthly HT excellence awards is bringing the young people down and presenting certificates with a drink and cake. Have reached quite a few different young people this term with some rich feedback – which will be on the agenda at the ELT on Thursday. Looking at strengths they have articulated and also challenges in first year. A lot saying the work is easy and more challenge is needed. Once unpicked it's not necessarily the case so needs to be put on the table for wider discussion.</p>	

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<p>Annual ghost tour on 26th October. Toy Box is the theme. Tickets going on sale after the holiday.</p> <p>Booked three different trips to Arran – November for 4 days, weekend in February and March. Trying to book Inverclyde for overnights with a focus on senior phase health and wellbeing and also study seminars. Also an opportunity for departments to bid for money through pupil equity funding if they want to run something subject specific (eg music camp).</p>	
<p>4. <u>Ghost Tour</u> PC will be doing tuck shop. TL will be part of the cast of the tour.</p>	

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<p>5. <u>Senior Pupils</u> Representatives introduced themselves. Chloe - House Captain for Cumbrae. Melissa – Arran House Captain. Amy – Cumbrae House Captain.</p> <p>32 young people from 6th year had put themselves forward for the SPLT. All were given a position. Have a Head Boy and Girl, Depute Head Boy and Girl. Three House Captains and the rest are House Prefects.</p> <p>LS is taking care of Head Boy and Girl, Deputes and House Captains. Have a team of three staff – Ms McNeil, Mr Robertson and Ms Carten - looking after first year prefects and 6th years.</p> <p>The usual groups will be starting up – year book, prom, hoodies etc.</p> <p>Hoodies – one of the parents prints hoodies and is willing to do this at cost price. Needs to be done quite early on to get the wear out of them.</p> <p>Prom meeting has been held – date to be confirmed.</p> <p>DG planning a fashion show for prom – dresses, suits, shoes. Home Ec are providing alterations. If anyone is worried about cost, please let DG know.</p> <p>This year is the biggest 6th year – 91.</p> <p>PC gave £300 last year towards the prom. Should be able to help again this year.</p>	
<p>6. <u>Christmas Fayre</u> 25th November. 30 odd stalls taken already. 10am-2pm. PC doing Grotto again. Looking to get selection boxes donated. We can charge £1 to see santa. No money made last year but kids were happy. Family engagement group want to support the fayre doing Christmas crafts. Volunteers needed to help with the grotto.</p>	

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<p>7. Fund Raising</p> <p>Christmas night out advertised – comedy and karaoke at the bowling club in Irvine. Drag act Miss Kitty Swallows. 8th December. Another push after Halloween to sell tickets.</p> <p>Have contacted Tesco for bag packing – only slot is next August. But a good opportunity to raise funds.</p> <p>Two applications for PB funding – youth pb and joint funding with learning outside of the classroom (LOOC) for the middle garden.</p> <p>Learning through Nature grant – can only be school to apply.</p> <p>Marie Forest has identified items for the garden from the mental health grant.</p> <p>In December we can apply for more Lottery funding.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting 6th November.</p>	