



Minutes of Marr College Parent Council Meeting

The South Beach Hotel

Wednesday 5th June 2024

Present: Judith McCaughey (Chair), Susan Forsyth (Treasurer), Margaret Maciver (Secretary), George Docherty (Head Teacher), Councillor Bob Pollock

Council Members: Carolyn Jamieson, Amy Griffiths, Jackie Lennox, Lindsay Campbell, Katherine Self, Margaret Anne Abbot

Forum Members:

Apologies: Councillor Kenneth Bell, Councillor Bob Pollock, Councillor Craig McKay, Gail Whyte, Caryn Mair, Alison Braddock

1. Welcome and apologies

Judith welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. Action Review

- No actions to review

3. Captains Report

Awaiting new Captains being appointed for 2024/25

4. Head Teacher's Report

Mr Docherty issued the HT Report and highlighted the following points: -

Students

- Feedback from SQA exams were very positive, results day 6th August
- S5/S6 Induction Day went well, however, the attendance level was disappointing
- S6 Contract created and issued and return date is 14th June
- S6 Prom was an excellent evening; Students commended by Brig O'Doon staff
- Duke of Edinburgh; 62 Pupils qualified
- S6 Young Enterprise Finalists representing Ayrshire at the Scottish Finals
- Micro Tyco Finalists presented on Friday at BNP Paribas Office, Glasgow
- The Sports Awards, Rugby Awards, celebrating success; Assemblies will take place on 24th June.

Staff

There will be a few changes for next year as follows: -

- Physics: Mr Wood
- Biology: Miss Watt and Miss Hogg
- D+T: Mr Speirs
- Geography: Miss Lennie and Mr McCrorie
- Mr Ross (Geography) will be returning following a career break and Mrs Gourlay (Home Economics) will be returning from maternity leave
- We were unable to appoint in Home Economics and no NQT. The timetable will be reviewed and S1s will reduce to one period (Update: Mrs Heslop is returning for the full 2024-25 session)

School Improvement Plan

- Our Uniform consultation will be concluded this Term, and new promotional materials will be shared with Pupils and Parents.
- Currently using feedback from Staff, Pupils and Parents to identify key priorities for 2024/25

Parent, Partner and Community Engagement

- P4-S3 Family Learning Event was very positive however, only 40 Parents/Carers attended. A survey will be issued to gather views on themes, timings and format.
- Attendance Survey out this week, Parents asked to complete by Sunday 16th June.
- Marr have been asked to do an Art Project at the Cabin to improve the area for The Open Golf being held in Troon.

Mr Docherty finished off discussing various forthcoming Events. He also stated that there are 193 pupils enrolled for S1 at the moment.

5. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 2024 were approved by Carolyn Jamieson and seconded by Susan Forsyth.

6. Parent Evening slots

Mr Docherty told the PC that at this time of year, he needs to create the School Calendar for the next year and that he had been in negotiations with Staff on the possibility of a 3:30pm start for Parents Evenings. Mr Docherty also informed the PC that he is finalising the Working Time Agreement for Staff to offer 2 Parents evenings for 5th and 6th Years.

7. Next months Agenda

N/A

8. A.O.C.B.

- Lindsay asked if someone would be willing to take over social media and security of the accounts. Margaret Anne volunteered and offered to give the minute taking a try.
- It was both Jackie and Lindsay's last ever Parent Council having been supporting for several years. They were both presented with a gift to show our appreciation and Mr Docherty thanked them for all the help and support.

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 4th September 2024