

Marr College Parent Forum Meeting Minutes

Present: George Docherty (Head Teacher)
Judith McCaughey (Chair)
Councillor Bob Pollock
Margaret McGiver (Secretary)
Susan Forsyth (Treasurer)
Marie-Anne Jackson
Carolyn Jamieson

Apologies – Alison Braddock
Lindsay Campbell
Fiona Stanbridge
Gail Whyte
Jackie Lennox
Charles- Philippe Bernard
Councillor Craig McKay

Next meeting: 28th February 6.30pm Marr College

1. Welcome and Apologies

Judith welcomed everyone and apologies were noted.

A minute taker has not yet been recruited MAJ agreed to minute on this occasion.

2. School Captains Report

School Dances well attended and were a success.

Christmas concert was sold out and was a showcase of young people's talent.

Rugby Conference was held.

3. Action Report

No requirement for a Vice Chair to be appointed.

4. Head Teachers Report – please see report.

First SAC school to be awarded LGBT charter silver award.

Peer review visit team of representatives focus on learning and teaching and child protection spoke to various stakeholders – positive feedback on the quality of teaching and learning – welcoming positive calm learning environment.

Staff should continue to use a range of strategies to engage students.

Areas for improvement

Questioning – challenge our young people with more effective questioning (scaffolding questioning)

5. Approval of minutes

GD confirmed that there was no money outstanding with regarding purchases for Christmas and summer concerts £293 made by parent council very successful.

Confirmed that the card reader will automatically pay the money into the Parent Council Bank Account 1st 1000 free of charge emails sent to parent council email.

Review of next meeting date to 28th February

Question regarding the organisation of the career's day and contributors to the event – confirmed that the event was being arranged in a different way to the previous event to allow for numbers that had attended **ACTION GD** to confirm if any further assistance required by Lucy.

Action MMcG School Uniform to be on next month's agenda.

Minutes approved by Susan Forsyth and seconded by Carolyn Jamieson

6. Labour Market Presentation

Labour market presentation from skills development Scotland that reports on final destinations for students and can then identify where the gaps are in education.

In SA for every 100 people of working age there are 69 of non-working age – it is predicted to increase.

The Ayrshire growth deal is trying to skill young people to allow them to continue to live in SA.

Key areas in Ayrshire– Hospitality and Tourism, Space and Aerospace. Health and Social care, and Agriculture

Developing curriculum to support this for example Food and Health Technology at higher level 3 x HE teachers.

Event Management courses also being run, pupils ran Secret Santa for staff – 3rd years achieved a level 4 qualification.

Some negative perceptions with hospitality and tourism long hours low pay

Engineering and Aerospace Magnata are planning to build satellites within SA- teaching for careers that are not yet developed.

Growth deal fund worth 250million

As a school we need support to put relevant courses in place that employers are looking for for example Design Engineering Courses

BP noted a shortage of many jobs like environmental health officers, quantity surveyors.

Shortage of school equipment for practical experience but college able to provide this.

Foundation apprenticeships can be run in school.

Struggling to recruit and retain in HSCP due to lack of perceived progression and aging population in SA

Shortage of trades for construction

South Ayrshire is a popular retirement destination.

South Ayrshire Futures Event to be held 7th February 2024

7. AOCB

Sports awards night planned for summer term

8. Items for next months agenda

School Uniform

Evaluation of Careers events

Update on prelims

Summarise the status of each area/department.