

MILLBURN ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

A meeting of the Millburn Academy Parent Council was held on Wednesday 4 October 2023.

PRESENT: Susan McCreadie (Chair), Paula Thomson (Secretary and Treasurer), Kerry Sinclair (Acting Headteacher), Roz Souter, Lee-Ann Mackenzie, Anna Miller, Andrew Campbell, Kay Kelly, Isabelle MacKenzie (Councillor) Izzy Leslie and Audrey Angus

APOLOGIES: Melanie Lawrence, Ruth Urquhart, Rob Polson, Sara Bain, Jane Scott, Ken Gowans,

WELCOME

Susan welcomed everyone attending the meeting and introductions were made around the table.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Izzy Leslie and seconded by Audrey Angus.

MATTERS ARISING

None

SENIOR PREFECT TEAM

The Senior Prefect Team was represented by Charlotte MacKay and Carrie Miller who shared the their plans for the current session.

- STEM and Sustainability Focus Group – Aims:
 - to promote STEM among pupils
 - to raise environmental awareness
 - to create a culture of sustainability among students and inspire them to actively contribute to a more eco-friendly future.
- Pupil Equity and Representation – Aims:
 - to educate people about being a young carer and armed force background pupil.
 - to fundraise to support students.
 - to give everyone a voice.
- Mental Health & Wellbeing Group – Aims:
 - to raise awareness about
 - mental health
 - healthy lifestyles
 - charities and mental health services
- Pupil Council – Aims:
 - to develop leadership skills
 - to listen to opinions and ideas on how to improve Millburn
 - to provide opportunities to hear from inspirational speakers and guest speakers
- To help pupils to develop communication skills, wellbeing and fitness by encouraging pupils to join the wide variety of extra-curricular activities on offer at Millburn, and by helping them to identify and record their core skills (using Unifrog)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The balance on the account stands at £1,323.21. (At the end of session 2022-23 the balance stood at £419.25, funds received for the current session from Highland Council amounted to £903.96).

RECTOR'S REPORT

The school roll stands at 1244, this includes 241 pupils on the roll through placing requests (19% of the total roll).

Staffing: A number of new teaching staff have been appointed to a variety of subject areas this includes 1 FTE and 5 NQTs. Mrs MacInnes, PT English, took up post as Depute Head Teacher at Glen Urquhart High School in September and presently Mrs Murdoch is Acting Principal Teacher with substantive post to be advertised again later this session.

Head Teacher (acting) - following two attempts to recruit, the decision has been taken to pause recruitment until Spring 2024 with a view to a substantive HT being in post August 2024.

Mrs Thomson, PT Business, retires after 33 years in post; she will be replaced by Miss Scarr in the short term with the advert for the substantive post for session 24/25

Reduction in Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) has resulted in not being able to replace our Family Learning and Liaison Officer (FLEO); additional PSA hours will help to make up the shortfall in provision to some extent.

INSET days: Learning and Teaching focus and consultation on The Independent Review of Qualifications and Assessment also referred to as the Hayward Review

SQA Results: Key message – Millburn's performance is strong in Highland (14 pupils with 5As at Higher; piped by Dingwall Academy with 15 As at Higher)

SQA - S4 Result 2023 (2022 results in brackets)

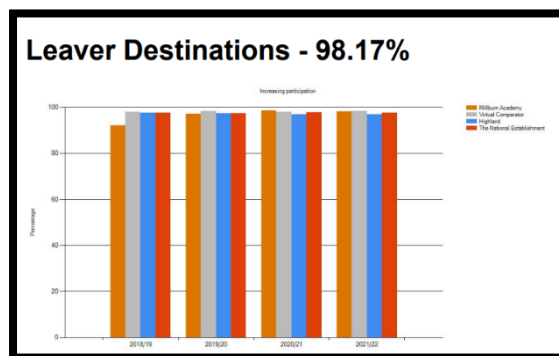
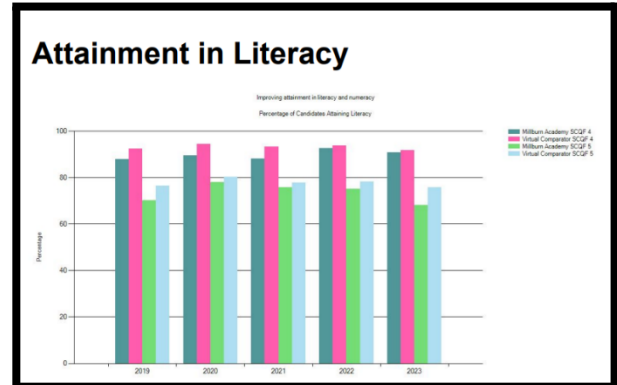
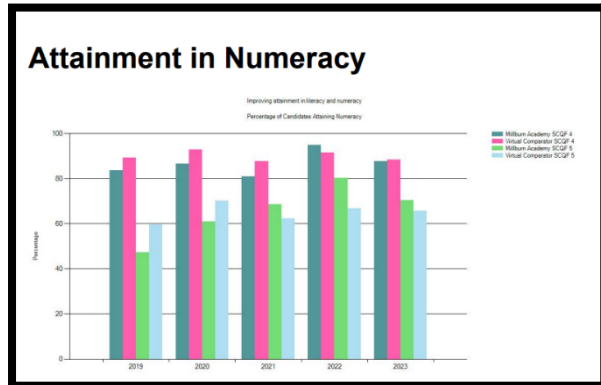
School	No on S4 Roll	% Achieving 5 Awards Level 5 A-D	% Achieving 5 Awards Level 5 A-C
Millburn Academy	210	57.1% (58%)	49% (50%)

SQA - S5 2023 (2022 results in brackets)

School	No on Previous S4 Roll	% Achieving 1 Awards Level 6 A-D	% Achieving 3 Awards Level 6 A-C	% Achieving 5 Awards Level 6 A-D	% Achieving 1 Award Level 6 A-C	% Achieving 3 Awards Level 6 A-c	% Achieving 5 Awards Level 6 A-C
Millburn Academy	218	72% (68%)	50% (50%)	25% (25.2%)	68.8% (64%)	40.8% (43%)	22.5% (20%)

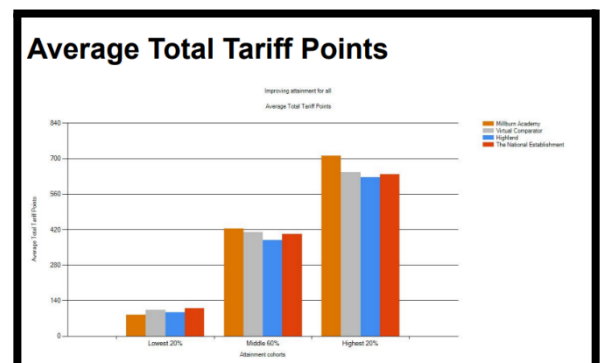
Insight Data: Insight Data is provided to schools in the September following SQA Exam Diet. It is an online benchmarking tool for secondary schools and local authorities in Scotland to reflect on and seek improvements in outcomes for learners.

In the charts below Millburn Academy is compared to its Virtual Comparator for Literacy and Numeracy at SCQF Levels 4 and 5. The virtual comparator is made up of pupils from schools in other local authorities who have similar characteristics to our pupils.



This chart shows the positive destinations of Millburn pupils leaving school compared to Virtual Comparator, Highland and Nationally.

This chart shows Average Total Tariff Points are calculated as follows: For each learner, the total tariff for all of their 'best' attainment is calculated. Then, for the cohort in question, an average is taken of the total for each learner. Millburn tariff points are compared to Virtual Comparator, Highland and Nationally.



This term:

- Breakfast Club open daily from 0800; thanks to canteen staff for their willingness to be involved
- The Mill open for business (thanks to funding from Ward Discretionary Funding)
- Parent/carer updates
- Head Teacher Drop-ins scheduled for last Thursday of every month

A wide range of extra curricular activities on offer this session:

- September 2023 - Higher Modern Studies trip to Edinburgh and the Scottish Parliament
- October 2023 - Hallowe'en Disco for S1/2 pupils
- November 2023 - Higher Politics trip to London and Houses of Parliament
- November 2023 - Maths trip to Disneyland Paris (S3 pupils)
- November 2023 - Paris cultural trip (Higher French pupils)
- November 2023 - Christmas Fayre
- January 2024 - Ski Trip to Austria (S2/3 pupils)
- June 2024 - Battlefields trip with the History department (S3/4 pupils)
- June 2024 - Biology trip to Croatia with S5/6 pupils
- June 2024 - World Challenge expedition to Borneo (S5/6 pupils)

Christmas Fayre on 28 November 2023 – Community Event. £1 entry fee. All profits to go to MFR Cash for Kids. Donations for raffle welcome. Tables still available.

AOB

Up-date on ASN provision – the school is in the process of recruiting a further 5 PSAs.

New Secretary – Roz Souter – proposed by Izzie Leslie and seconded by Kay Kelly

New Treasurer – Audrey Angus – proposed and seconded at AGM.

Proposed by Izzy Leslie that Susan McCreddie remains as Parent Council Chair until the successful appointment of a new Headteacher and seconded by Audrey Angus.

Suggestions on how to increase parent/carer involvement in Parent Council:

Information pull-up board – details of commitment ie one meeting per term; what Parent Council does:

- Attendance of Committee at Parents Evenings
- Choice of face-to-face/online participation in meetings
- Attendance at Transition events
- Use of social media
- Contacting parent/carers on their priorities for Parent Council

RETIRAL OF SECRETARY/TREASURER

Presentation to Paula Thomson and recognition of her service to School Board from 2004 to 2007 and Parent Council from 2007 to 2023.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next PC meeting will be held on date tbc