MILLBURN ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

A extraordinary general meeting of the Millburn Academy Parent Council was held on Wednesday 11 January 2024.

PRESENT:
Susan McCreadie (retiring Chair)
Sara Bain
Andrew Campbell
Ian Macdonald
Isabelle MacKenzie
Lee-Ann Mackenzie
Gillian MacLennan
Hannah Polson
Kerry Sinclair (Acting Headteacher)
Roz Souter (Secretary)

APOLOGIES: Ken Gowans, Izzy Leslie, Fiona Cummins, Ishbel Black and Audrey Angus

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 Lee-Ann Mackenzie and seconded by Andrew Campbell.

MATTERS ARISING

None

ELECTION OF INTERIM CHAIRPERSON

Ian MacDonald was introduced to the committee as the only nomination for Interim Chair. Ian introduced himself and was proposed by Susan McCreadie and seconded by Lee-Ann MacKenzie. There were no objections so was duly elected.

AOB

Parental Survey – Ms Sinclair share the results of the recent survey conducted concerning the work of PC:

I feel encouraged to be involved in the work of the Parent Council
50% of parents agreed or strongly agreed whilst the remaining 50% disagreed, strongly disagreed or did not know.

I am kept informed about the work of the Parent Council
Nearly 60% of parents disagreed, strongly disagreed or did not know.

This prompted discussion about the way parents were contacted and the role of PC – to look at the educational landscape and assist with the priorities of the school.

PC Members – discussion took place around communication with parents and sending an invite, along with an introduction by Ian as new Chair to outline the work of PC and asking who wishes to remain on PC by attending meetings. Also the website information needs updating and the link could be sent to parents with Ian's introduction (Roz to liaise with Ian and get this sent out with a short reply date). The max that can be on the council according to the Constitution is 25. A separate email address will be set up for Secretary to use for PC.

Social Media – to promote the work of the Parent Council it was suggested that the use of Facebook or Twitter (X) be set up and managed to inform parents of discussions etc. This would remove the need for the Secretary to email numerous people who do not attend meetings.

MAFIA - Discussion took place around the reintroduction of MAFIA committee to be separate from the Parent Council. Gillian MacLennan was willing to get the ball rolling by putting together an invitation message for parents.

Litter – Ms Sinclair has been in contact with Isabelle MacKenzie about the possibility of more bins being provided in the areas surrounding the school to combat litter complaints by residents.

Meeting time – request for later than 6.30 pm from Ishbel Black if possible. Most were in agreement that the time was suitable and not to be put later.

Hannah Polson raised the issue around the numerous school trips being allowed to run when there is a shortage of teachers. She felt that there were too many trips creating more shortages in school that impacts of student education.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next PC meeting will be held on date tbc