

PARENTS' CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday 25th September 2018

Apologies: Mrs Erskine, Mr Ferrie, Mrs Ackers, Mrs Lind, Mrs Radcliffe, Mr McMenemy

Welcome

Mr Bartlett welcomed everyone to the meeting, noted absences (as above). Everyone introduced themselves.

There were no matters arising from minutes

1.You asked...we did

Ms Wylie (Head of Marketing and Communications) shared the results of the parent/carer communication survey and explained how this was used as a valuable tool for understanding the demographic of the College parent body and how we could ensure a high level of applications. It also ensured that marketing spend was appropriately targeted and well utilised. In addition it gave valuable insights into perceptions of the College by the current parent body. The overwhelmingly positive feedback was very pleasing (over 90% of respondents being very or extremely happy with the education being provided in both schools, but there were clearly still areas for development and the individual comments were particularly useful in this regard.

In respect of the marketing feedback, it was clear that the website needed attention to make it more user friendly. This was already an area for significant work and these comments had all been incorporated in the newly updated website which would launch in the next few weeks.

2.Presentation on a matter related to student wellbeing

The Spiritual Life of the College

Father Kensy Joseph SJ introduced himself to the group as the new Priest Chaplain. Father Kensy then gave a brief presentation on his own background and spiritual life which had led him to St Aloysius'. He was warmly welcomed by members who were pleased to see a Jesuit Chaplain in the College

A celebration of student outcomes

Dr Kilgour provided an overview of the outcomes from the Summer and shared the presentation which had been provided to staff as well as an analysis of results. He explained the QA process that then took place after the results to ensure that any lessons were learnt and strong plans were made going forward. A parent asked about tutoring and impact on outcomes. Dr Kilgour stressed that there was no need for tutors but clearly some parents availed themselves of this and clearly this was their choice. There was little evidence of impact here. He emphasised the importance of pupils signing up for supported study, explained the process and encouraged anyone to contact him if they felt that further support was needed for a young person's learning. There was also discussion of the SQA review process, the accuracy of SQA marking and a discussion about the destinations of our young people for university entrance.

Review of ongoing or forthcoming developments

Mr Bartlett and Dr Brady shared the College Improvement Plan and took questions on the major areas for development. Of particular interest was the Equality Group which was launched recently and would involve students looking at protected characteristics and how individuals were treated within the College.

4.Other matters raised by parents

It was suggested that perhaps this item could be placed at the start of the agenda with clear time guidance. In addition parents suggested a greater clarity as to their role as part of the

group. Mr Bartlett agreed to review this and to write before the next meeting clarifying matters.

Recent Press Coverage

Mr Bartlett provided an update on the recent unfortunate coverage. A full investigation had been carried out, an appropriate communication had been issued and there was to be agreed working with the other school concerned. Mr Bartlett expressed the hope that this would lead to stronger relationships with the other school going forward. He praised the prompt actions of his leadership team.

Update in aftermath of fire and gym access

There was now full access to the Sports' Hall after the Mack Fire. Staffing of reception had been difficult due to a member of staff leaving and the need to PVG new staff. However the building was now fully in use including before and after school.

Careers Education and Guidance

Dr Kilgour provided a summary of the nature of the Careers Education provided. He detailed the UCAS/Finishing well periods, the work being done to look at alternative pathways and the strong links being built with employers.

Supported Study Periods

Dr Kilgour explained how these were organised, the nature of the programme in place and the benefits these provided within a full curriculum. He specifically emphasised how they could be used to support young people at key points within the year.

Other matters were of a specific nature and individual responses had been given to parents.

The meeting concluded at 9.30pm

Next meeting Magis Classroom (main school building), Monday 4th March