

## **JOHNSTONE HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL AGM**

**MON 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018**

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Welcome to this year's AGM. Firstly, I'd like to thank all the parent members and staff for their continued support of Johnstone High School Parent Council. The 2017/18 session has been another busy and productive year for the Parent Council, continuing its close involvement with the school life of Johnstone High. Again, this session we have welcomed several new parent members to the Council from our waiting list, as places naturally became available.

#### **School Year 2017/18**

As a Parent Council, we have been delighted to support the school in many ways:

- Assisting in recruitment of senior appointments

The Parent Council Chair was a member of the final interview panel to appoint the post of substantive DHT on two occasions, firstly when Mr Menzies was appointed in June and more recently Mrs O'Malley in March.

- School Inspection Revisit

The Parent Council offered their full support at the recent school HMle inspection revisit. Several parents attended a group discussion with school inspectors while the Chair was interviewed by the lead inspector. The Parent Council are delighted that the outcome of this school inspection revisit is that our school has been signed off by the HMle inspectors.

In addition, the Parent Council also participated in a Local Area Schools Inspection meeting in March at the request of Engage Renfrewshire. Many thanks to all the parent members who were involved in either our own school inspection discussions and those at the Local Area School Inspection meeting.

- Respect For All – Anti-bullying Policy Consultation

In January, a number of Parent Council members attended the Respect For All consultation for all Johnstone High school parents. The consultation offered parents the opportunity to discuss and raise their views on the school's draft policy. The school were very appreciative of this input from parents.

- Show My Homework

The Parent Council have fully supported the introduction of 'Show My Homework' within the school and has provided feedback through its implementation. A suggestion by the Parent Council to have 'Show My Homework' workshops at parent evenings has been adopted.

- School Grounds Improvement Project

A primary focus for the Parent Council this session has been to raise funds to improve our school grounds and enhance the outdoor experience for the pupils. The Parent Council applied for funding grants last summer and were pleased to report a total funding of £18,000 being awarded to Johnstone High School Parent Council from the following funding agencies: Awards For All – Big Lottery Fund, LAC Local Area Committee and Glasgow Airport Flightpath. The funding group are currently working on the school grounds improvement project to install social seating for pupils, an outdoor classroom and to improve the existing garden area with planters. Glasgow Wood Recycling, Community Pay Back Team and Renfrewshire Council Amenity Services have been assisting with this project. The outdoor classroom and table and bench seating is scheduled to be installed in August, while the work to the garden area will be ongoing during the Autumn term.

- Parent Council Fundraising Events

The Parent Council held a Car Boot sale in the school car park in June last year, with over 20 cars selling their wares and many people attending from the local community. The event, which also included stalls and a barbecue, raised £673.

With the success of car boot sale, the Parent Council were keen to organise a Christmas Craft Fayre which was held at the end of November. With over 25 local crafters and Parent Council stalls the event was a roaring success with a fabulous attendance from pupils, parents/families and the local community. The event raised a huge profit of £1,349. It was fantastic to see our school community all in festive spirits.

## **Presentations**

### **SQA 2017 Results**

Mr Miller delivered an SQA results presentation to the Parent Council at our September meeting. In terms of results, they were very positive and improving.

## Learning and Teaching Update

Mrs Robertson presented on her work as PT of Learning at our November meeting. She explained a 10-point statement of our school's key elements of learning. This statement is visible in all classrooms and is the baseline for how all lessons should be conducted.

## Nurture

Miss Brown provided the Parent Council with an update on the development of the Nurture Room and explained the approach and principles used to support pupils who may find it difficult to cope in the classroom. The Parent Council were shown the new Nurture Room and were very impressed with transformation of the space.

In summary, the Parent Council's key 2017/18 milestones have been the award of £18,000 from funding agencies which has enabled the school grounds improvement project to occur on a much larger scale than originally planned. The success of the Christmas Craft Fayre was also a key feature of the session.

We are pleased to have donated £500 to school funds this year which has contributed to the running costs of the school mini bus and the purchase of award badges and certificates for pupils.

Sincere thanks to all my fellow Parent Council members and office bearers who have devoted their time, enthusiasm and commitment to support the school. Thanks to the funding group, including Mr Fulton and Mr Johnston for their involvement with the school grounds improvement project.

Thanks also to those parents on this year's waiting list, for their patience.

Finally, thank you to all the Senior Management Team and school staff who have continued to support the Parent Council and have again worked tirelessly throughout the school year. We look forward to working with and supporting our school again in the new school session.

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