

Parent Council Meeting of Cults Academy Monday 28th February 2021 7-8:30pm

Attendees: David Barnett (DB) Head, Rick Sansom (Chair)(RS), Daniel Verhamme (Treasurer)(DV), Ben Seldon (Secretary)(BS), Robert Brew (RB), Sonya Angus, Alison Murray (AM), Kirsteen Nicoll (KN), VJ, Ijeoma Okoliegbe, James Allstaff, Sophia Deans, (student)

Apologies: Marie Boulton (ACC Councillor)

Agenda items	<u>Updates and discussions</u>	Action
1.	<p><u>Prior Minutes (RS):</u></p> <p>Summary of meeting of RS, RB, BS and Marie Boulton w/Eleanor Sheppard (Chief Education Officer) and Andrew Jones (Finance/asset – school estates review). Confirmation of school capacity increase to 1337. DB supportive as more pupils will result in more staff and 35-40% of teaching spaces are currently not being used.</p> <p>RB/RS: When will updated school roles be announced. Announcement has been delayed twice</p> <p>DB: Unknown</p> <p>AM: Will raising the capacity require the school to take more placements – what is the limit?</p> <p>DB: only 1 or 2 yrs will have waiting lists</p> <p>RB: there are some outstanding questions on how the numbers are established for the science labs where 3 subject are being taught</p> <p>RS: Reasonable to post a final round of follow-up queries and request for update on school role to CEO</p> <p>ACTION: collate final queries for CEO (BS)</p>	BS
2.	<p><u>Insights Update – DB</u></p> <p>February Insights results published taking into account leavers data which feeds into league tables. Breath & Depth. 3rd equal in Scotland (78% 5+ highs vs 69% ave, 3+ 87% vs 82%. 1+ 92% vs 90)</p> <p>Plan B being implemented for senior examinations. Adv notice of topics. Due to be released next week. SQA keen not to issue too early to ensure circ covered.</p> <p>Assessment week took place. Working grades released tomorrow.</p>	
3.	<p><u>School Improvement Plan (SIP) and curriculum – DB</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Curriculum review awaiting for SQA report. Met w/ELT – focussed discussed and followed up with all staff on in service day. # subjects in S4 key – enthusiastic to look at this. Circ conference - rep from each class. Will then consult w/parents from S3. RS: survey or parent engagement? DB: Convene focus groups w/Parent – not for council to steward 2) Tracking & monitoring system – ideas for improvement – ready from August onwards 3) Wellbeing and inclusion – SHINE, medical procedures, LGBT history month, compassionate & connected classroom supp by Aberdeen City – short session w/all principal teachers. Enhanced provision for those w/complex needs 4) High quality learning & teaching. Learning & teaching lead – Claire Stanton – 1 day per week. Differentiation – how teachers cope with different levels in class. SLT learning visits reviewing class sessions – best peer to peer. Learning and Teaching captains – working on producing a learning and teaching document. 5) Developing young workforce – skill framework to be shared & audit. DYW website – link from school website. Develop business links – Kippie lodge. 	

	<p>RS: # or % of students w/mentors?</p> <p>DB: targeted approach w/specialist group (~12-20)</p> <p>ACTION: Link to SIP –(BS)</p> <p>https://cults-academy.aberdeen.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Cults-Academy-SQUIP-2021-2022.pdf</p>	BS
4.	<p><u>General Update: (DB)</u></p> <p>No longer require face covering in class pupils & staff. Personal choice. Mixed response. Few reminders to wear in transition</p> <p>Assemblies now allowed. House Assemblies underway w/face coverings. Sophia welcomed being able to speak to house.</p> <p>Adult physical distancing still taking place restricting # in staffroom.</p> <p>Expecting updated guidance soon.</p> <p>2 staff off w/Covid. Worst was 21 absences tailing off to 17 in first week. 11 pupils off today 0.1%</p> <p>S3 parents engaged on potential residential trip 'Activities week' – 3rd years have missed out in S1/S2 due to lockdown. 97% supportive.</p> <p>Planning for full school Sports Day in summer.</p> <p>S6 leaver event being planned – info soon – beginning of June @ end of Exams. Ardoe House.</p> <p>Staffing update – extra deputy head</p> <p>Currently 3 DHT – most schools of CA size have 4 – formula says 4.</p> <p>Advert placed. Allows more areas to be covered – no one has learning for sustainability covered. Improved coverage of existing areas – more quality time. Getting from good to vgood to excellent</p> <p>Parents can be involved in interview process – details to be circulated ACTION (RS)</p> <p>4 parents indicated interest but could not make the work day commitment – RS participated as parent rep.</p> <p>AM: what is learning for sustainability?</p> <p>DB: curriculum to include sustainability – eco issues – climate change.</p> <p>Accounts: (DV)</p> <p>Funds: prior years contribute to Dee Bleakly. Agreed to contribute £800 to total bill.</p> <p>AOB:</p> <p>DV: pleased to see S1 class contributing to transport corridor</p> <p>AM: council have setup ASN parent outreach – Alison is contact point for policies / comms (parent but not Cults Rep). Share in weekly updates</p> <p>RS: attendance level through COVID brilliant – doing something right!</p> <p>DV: fairtrade school application? Being considered by Cults Academy?</p>	<p>RS</p> <p>DB</p>

ACTION: DB will followup

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING AND AGM

Next PC MEETINGS -

Next meeting - 25th April 2022

Further regular meetings will be set with the potential for additional meetings if there is a major change in circumstances.

Outline agenda to be agreed in advance and circulated

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