



Douglas Academy Parent Council

Tuesday 3rd September 2024 7pm

AGM MINUTES

1. A warm welcome to all members and attending parents.
2. Minutes from meeting June 2024 have been approved.
3. There is a vacancy on the Parent Council (PC) for a new member, this is available to any DA parent. If you wish to become a member please send a note of interest to dcouncil@douglas.e-dunbarton.sch.uk PC continue to welcome all parents who wish to attend the PC meetings.
4. The Parent Council would like to thank Scott for his dedication and expertise as chairperson and look forward to his guidance in his newly appointed role as vice chair. We congratulate Michael, on his appointment, as chairperson.
5. Michael will issue dates for the next parent council meetings asap.
6. No councillors attended. Apologies from Alix Mathieson
7. PC Forum update – There continues to be no new communication about a future date.
8. Parent council representation on EDC groups will be decided as the need arises and dates are known.
9. PTA update – progress is being made despite the urgent need for more volunteers and helpers. All parents welcome to join. An investigation is occurring into becoming a registered charity so that Your School Lottery and AmazonSmile can be utilised. Amanda offered to help Michelle by looking into how Clober Primary School do this. Michelle is also linking with Business and Home Economics Teachers can also support fund raising. Darista continues to be a significant fund raiser. Payment via bank cards at the Darista has been delayed. Plans for it to be implemented are still underway.
10. The Head Teacher's report was shared. In brief -
 - a. Satchel One has been launched. This will be used like an electronic diary along side Teams and Glow.
 - b. S1 have settled in.
 - c. There is an S1-S3 freshers fair for social clubs.
 - d. S6 Captaincy Interviews have taken place. Excellent caliber of applicants.
 - e. SQA attainment was excellent. PC congratulate all pupils and teachers on their achievement
 - f. Douglas Academy has become a Confucius Hub. Mandarin will now be offered to S1s and as an elective in S5/S6.
 - g. Equally Safe Agenda being progressed
 - h. More information can be found on the Head Teacher report.
11. There was a brief discussion on mobile phone use in DA, in light of the new Scottish Government Guidelines. No current change to process is planned in DA. There was only one documented misuse of a phone by

a pupil since the last meeting. (Pupil was informed on appropriate use and now understands the error made.) More information on safe and appropriate use is planned to be delivered to parents via Family learning, to help support parents support children/young people. It was noted that parents views varied widely. It was however agreed that it is the parents responsibility to decide how their child/young person should use a mobile phone.

12. Family Learning : - A Parent Learning Festival is planned. It will cover subjects such as numeracy for parents, IT and Internet Safety. Further information will be shared with all parents.
13. AOCB - An issue involving availability of school meals was raised. It was highlighted that meal choice is limited to pupils at the end of the queue. An issue of social ranking/queue placement had unofficially been created. (I.e. the same people are at the front of the queue.) Mr Healy shared the current queuing process but agreed to investigate this concern. Update at the next meeting.

Mr Healy, management team and guidance teachers are always available to support pupils with all issues.