The Parent Council of Denny High School

Meeting Date: Tuesday 6th December 2023, 6.30pm

Parent Council Minutes

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

2. **Matters Arising:**
   School Day Update: At present the feeling from school staff is that the current revised day is working well and has certainly helped reduce the feeling that pupils had to rush for buses at the end of the day.

   School Colours Protocol: J Paterson to check that this has been entered onto the school website.
   P Dunn agreed with parent suggestion that this should be further highlighted at school assemblies.

3. **New Chair Required:**
   As a consequence of Joanne Paterson joining the school as new Depute head teacher she has to relinquish her role as Chairperson. Debbie Kirkwood very kindly agreed to act as Chairperson for this session.

4. **New Treasurer Required:**
   P Dunn to ask School Resource Manager, Cecilia Jenner, to maintain accounts on behalf of the Parent Council. P Dunn to contact Current Treasurer, Mr G Arnott, and ask that he sends in any current bank details and documentation to the school.

5. **Group Discussion - How do we grow our group?**
   Some ideas sheared in group discussion around bring a friend to a meeting, ensure more Groupcall information goes out before meetings, highlight that parents don't need to attend all meetings etc.
   There was a suggestion to try one online meeting to see if it promoted greater attendance.
   The Parent Council will commission a pop-up banner for display at school events and information evenings.

6. **Industrial Action Update:**
   P Dunn provided some additional information regarding current situation with regards to current period of trade union industrial action

7. **Staffing Updates:**
   Update on current situation with Maths Department. It is hoped that the school has now managed to appoint a Maths teacher to start in January 2023.
8. **Parent Queries:**
   Toilets – Facilities and Monitoring: There was a discussion round pupil access and safety with regards to the communal school toilets. P Dunn stated that there have been issues of pupils gathering and vandalism of communal toilets over the past few months. Unlike some other local schools the communal toilets remain open all day at present, unless they have been closed for cleaning or repair. There is never a situation where there are no accessible toilets for pupils. A suggestion from a parent was that there is always a member of staff in the school toilet over breaks. P Dunn updated that as much as is possible there is always a member of staff on duty at both school communal toilets over break time.

Virtual/in person meetings: There was discussion around the opportunity for people to join furture PC meetings virtually. J Paterson will work with ICT team to provide a virual option, however it was agreed in person meetings would continue. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

9. Dates of future meetings:
   Tuesday 21st February 2023
   Tuesday 9th May 2023
   Tuesday 13th June 2023 AGM

10. AOCB:
    J Paterson to look into who operates the Denny High Facebook Page.