



**Kilwinning Academy
Parent Council**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

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General Information

Name	Kilwinning Academy Parent Council
Also known as	“KAPC”
Principal address	c/o Kilwinning Academy, Dalry Road, Kilwinning KA13 7HD
Core members <i>(during 2016/17)</i>	Blair Kerr (Chairperson) Alison Telfer (Secretary) Charles Bleakley (Treasurer) Andrea Boyd Karen Craig Anne McAllister Carol Mitchell Jan Moore Lesley Taylor Craig Speirs
Core Members Recruitment	New members are invited to join the Core Team on an ongoing basis
Bankers	Royal Bank of Scotland plc

Annual Report 2017

The Parent Council is made up of a group of parents and carers of pupils who attend the school. All parents/carers with a child at the school is a member of the Parent Forum. Any member of the Parent Forum can join the Parent Council.

Kilwinning Academy continues to have a very healthy and active Parent Council. This report sets out some of the things we have undertaken during the previous school year and some of the things we would like to achieve this year.

The last year has, once again, been extremely busy as we continued to fundraise and have very productive monthly meetings. We also continue to try to raise the profile of the Parent Council and school within the wider community and have been very actively involved in lobbying the Education Department to raise issues which are pertinent to parents.

Meetings were scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month, lasting approximately two hours. The head teacher attends these meetings and provides the Council with an update of happenings within the school. Any received correspondence is discussed and replied to, as appropriate. Visitors were also in attendance at some meetings throughout the year, including senior members of North Ayrshire Council Education Department to discuss the infrastructure of the school and achievements of our young people. We have been involved in asking questions on behalf of the Parent Forum and ensuring that parents' views are shared with the school and Education Department. We do this to assist in the education of the young people and ensure that they have can achieve their full potential.

Fundraising has continued to keep the Parent Council very busy. We have attended a number of events around the area:

- 06 August **Youth Forum Information Day**
- 04 September **Pennyburn Primary School Fayre**
- 04 November **80's Party Night**
- 05 November **Fireworks**
- 19 November **Christmas Lights Switch On**
- 02 December **Abbey Primary School Christmas Fayre**
- 07 December **Corsehill Primary School Christmas Fayre**
- 07 February **Primary 7 Open Evening**
- 27 May **Kilwinning Carnival and Segdoune Gala Day**
- 04-08 June **School Show Nights** (including dress rehearsal)

As can be seen from our accounts our fundraising totals are still something we are incredibly proud of, even if we have seen a slight dip compared with last year! We are so grateful for all the support we receive from the school and community in helping us fundraise for the school.

We feel it is important to connect with all the parents and carers of pupils at the school and continued to have a presence at each parent's night. This is to offer support to anyone requiring it but also to continue our fundraising with a tombola and ensuring everyone has refreshments, where we give back to the school by providing tea and coffee for parents and teaching staff.

We provided refreshments at the school production of to the 80's. This was another amazing show which highlighted the talent of the young people at Kilwinning Academy. This year we provided funds for various parts of the production and were also instrumental arranging for Kilwinning elderly residents to be invited to the dress rehearsal. This was a huge success and we are looking forward to this years performance.

We presented our own award at the junior and senior prize giving. Both events attended by many proud parents.

The Chair regularly attends Parent Council Chairs meetings, where senior members of North Ayrshire Education Department are in attendance, including the Director of Education. This forum allows us to put forward the views of Kilwinning Academy parents.

We spoke this year to Director of Education (John Butcher) about Ayrshire College taking over parts of Kilwinning Academy however the Parent Council did not feel that it was the right direction for the school to progress in at this time.

The local Councillors have continued to be supporters of Kilwinning Academy and have attended many of our events and a few of our monthly meetings. This year we have been especially active with the Elected Members helping us raise issues of great importance to our school. We have been supported by achieving a budget, to improve the school facilities, including a new full size AstroTurf, which started before the for the summer holidays We thank our local Councillors for their continued support and hope to continue to work with them to make Kilwinning Academy a great school at the heart of the community.

We have had a very productive year and thank everyone who has been involved with us, supported us and encouraged us. We have loved every minute of it.

Future Plans

We will continue to be actively involved in the day to day life of the school and link in with the Pupil Council and staff group to work together to achieve this. We hope to continue with our fundraising activity and plan to have a separate fundraising committee to take this from strength to strength.

Connecting with and contacting the Parent Council

Kilwinning Academy Parent Council exists to represent the whole body of parents and carers who have children attending Kilwinning Academy. It is important that we have your views and ideas and would gladly welcome anyone who wishes to attend any our meetings, or even join the Council. However, if your forte is fundraising, or you can help out at any of our events, we would love to hear from you. We would also gratefully accept any donations for our tombola or hampers. We would also welcome anyone who has skills that would enhance our school and improve the experience for our pupils.

To contact the Parent Council you can:

- contact any member directly
- phone the school and they will pass on a message
- like our Facebook, or send us a message
- find us on Twitter
- email us: kapc.email@gmail.com

Statement of Receipts and Payments - Fundraising Year to 30 June 2017

		2017	2016
	£	£	£
Receipts			
Money raised through fundraising activities		3,711	6,166
Grant from Participatory Budgeting initiative		1,500	700
Donations for school 40 th anniversary celebrations		500	
Brought forward from 2015/16		1,859	1,356
Total Receipts for the Year		7,570	8,222
Payments			
Donations to Kilwinning Academy:			
Prize Giving – junior and senior	600		
School Show – costs contribution	2,000		
Dux & House Captain boards	216		
Show My Homework system – costs contribution	700		
Parents Evening online booking system – costs contribution	500		
Table Decorations for Senior Prom	50		
Replacement wood for bench planters	81		
		4,147	4,275
Donations to others:			
Kilwinning Community Events	50		
		50	100
Administration			
Costs of fundraising activities		1,907	1,988
Total Payments for the Year		6,104	6,363
Balance carried forward to 2017/18		1,466	1,859

Statement of Balances - Fundraising As at 30 June 2017

Cash in:			
Bank Account:		1,052	1,044
Unrestricted - £552			
Restricted - £500 (40 th anniversary celebrations)			
Petty Cash		414	815
Total		1,466	1,859

Statement of Receipts and Payments - Administration Year to 30 June 2017

		2017	2016
	£	£	£
Receipts			
North Ayrshire Council – Parent Council grant		756	745
Brought forward from 2015/16		39	30
Total Receipts for the Year		795	775
Payments			
General administration costs (including stall/venue fees)	490		
Equipment purchase	197		
Total Payments for the Year		687	736
Balance carried forward to 2017/18		109	39

Statement of Balances - Administration As at 30 June 2017

Cash in:			
Bank Account		108	39
Total		185	39