**KING’S PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL**

**PARENT PARTNERSHIP**

**MINUTES OF Virtual Teams AGM: 5th October 2021**

**Present: Apologies:**

Kirsty Ayed Katy Cook Helen McMeekin

Lorna Bamford Elspeth Gardner Sandra Barclay Lorraine Bertolini

Rubina Khan Karen Ross Ruth Kelly Kate Hollands

Geraldine Moreau Karen Hamilton Mireilla Bikanga Ada Lynn Hodge

Marjory Martin Chubado Hamman Judith Stevenson

David Braid Elaine Harvey

Louise Brown Rachel Callaghan

Alison Thyne Ali Preston

1. **Welcome.**

Elspeth Gardner welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Minutes of 2020 AGM.**

Proposed - Elspeth Gardner

Seconded – Louise Brown

1. **Chairperson’s report.**

See end of minutes.

1. **Treasurer’s report.**

Current balance £2024.54

Accounts audited independently on 1/9/21.

Bank account is now on-line. Payments still made by cheque.

1. **Headteacher’s report.**

An exceptional year of exceptional efforts and many achievements to celebrate

* Enhanced relationship with parents/carers
* Strong results
* STEM initiatives
* DofE bronze, silver, and gold
* Roll out of I-pads
* Collaborations with other schools especially in SQA and raising attainment

1. **Confirmation/election of office bearers.**

Confirmed: Chair – Elspeth Gardner

Treasurer – Marjory Martin

Stepping down: Vice-chair – Helen McMeekin

Elected: Vice-chair – Elaine Harvey proposed – Elspeth Gardner

seconded – Rachel Callaghan

1. **AOCB.**
2. **Dates of meetings 2021-22.**

First Tuesday of every month with AGM in session 1 of 2022-23 school year, date to be confirmed

KINGS PARK SECONDARY PARENT PARTNERSHIP

AGM

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

SESSION 2020/21

5TH OCTOBER 2021

The Parent Partnership at Kings Park Secondary is a group of around 35 parents and carers who work to represent the broader parent forums’ views, by working in partnership with school staff and the local authority to achieve the best for all pupils.  Having a Parent Partnership allows the collective view of parents to be represented on matters such as the quality and standards of education at the school and other matters of interest.  During 2020-21, the Parent Council was very grateful for the continuous support of the Head Teacher, as well as regular attendance of the Senior Leadership Team.

Currently, the Chair is Elspeth Gardner

Treasurer is Marjory Martin

Clerk is Rachel Callaghan

With various other members who rotationally help out holding meetings, running social media etc

The Parent Partnership meets on the first Tuesday of every month, ( outwith covid times, with the exception of June and December.)

We are proud to work closely and positively with the school and staff, and with their support, we have built the number of parents and carers who ask to be on our email list to around 400.

The Partnership asks all parents and carers in this group for Agenda items each month, and approved minutes are also sent out to this group, as well as any relevant communication regarding general school issues.

One of our main aims is to effectively communicate between parents and the school.

**Summary of issues that the Parent Partnership was consulted on, informed of and participated in during 2020-21**

* Detailed discussion of SQA results and school performance
* Lockdown issues and education throughout the Covid pandemic
* Continued programme of improvements to the school building
* Arrangements for study leave
* The School Improvement Plan
* School trips and social events
* Bullying
* Litter in and around the school
* Funding bids from school departments
* Cost of the school day
* Meeting the campus police officer, school captains, and hearing from the Youth Parliament

In addition to these issues discussed at meetings, I very recently approached the headteacher as a concerned parent as well with a view to representing the PP, to find out KPSS’s approach to the Scottish Government’s recent guidelines to teachers about children from age 4 wishing to change gender and pronouns but where staff do not need to disclose this to parents.

I was reassured by the pragmatic and thought out approach the school takes on this, where the individual child is supported, but families will be included in the conversation.

**Fundraising and Funding Bids**

All funds raised by the Parent Partnership are used to support extra-curricular activities.   In the past year there was inevitably very little fundraising, but we did donate to the

Modern Languages department for badges as well as £200 towards the school leavers do.

We also facilitated private donations to be given to mark the extra efforts all staff in the school had to make in the lockdown. These were used to give every member of staff a hand written thank you note with a token medal, as well as going towards the purchase of some trees to be planted in the school grounds.

**Membership**

The Parent Partnership needs new members to keep it vibrant, particularly parents whose children are at the start of their secondary schooling and have a long association ahead of them.  Everyone on the Parent Partnership brings something different and something useful to make it work, and we would love to welcome you if you are interested. Please contact on us at;

e-mail: kpss.

All parents and carers are welcome to attend Parent Partnership meetings, (although numbers maybe restricted while meetings are held online.)  Updates from the Parent Council and minutes of all meetings should be available on the school website

Parents who have provided us with their email address will receive communications by this method.  Please let us know if you would like to be added to the email distribution list.

THANK YOU!