

Aboyne Academy Parent Council
Minutes of Meeting- Monday 19th March 2018
Finzean Primary School

Attendees:

Office Bearers	Parent Council Members
Sarah Leahy (Chair)	Sheila McMurtrie
Andrea Geddes (Vice Chair)	Gill Ewart-Bannister
	Gail MacTaggart
	Elaine Starritt
Lorraine Scott (Head Teacher)	Natasha Pawlukiewicz
Michael McCann (Teacher Representative)	

Other attendees:

Hazel Keir, Clare Whitehead

Apologies

Apologies were received from Lynn Murphy, Julie Mitchell-Mehta, Cllr Geva Blackett, Cllr Paul Gibb and Veena Fernandez.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting (Thursday 18th January 2018)

Arising from previous minutes:

Prefect Interview schedule – prefect forms are currently available and require to be returned to the school office by 16th April. Interviews will take place before study leave commences.

Prelim examination timing – next year’s prelim exam schedule will be moved forward to finish before the mid-term holiday.

The minutes were approved.

2. Chairpersons Report

Sarah reported that all PC Chairs are invited to a meeting with Maria Walker and other Council Officers. She plans to attend the meeting to be held on Tuesday 17th April at Kemnay Academy and suggested that another parent or member of staff may want to accompany her. Andrea Geddes agreed to attend. The agenda for this meeting is;

- Education Governance
- Changes in Education & Children’s Services
- Developing the Young Workforce (DYW)
- Learning Estate

3. Treasurers Report

It was noted the current AAPC bank balance stands at £346.38.

4. Head Teacher Report

1. Staffing update – 3 current probationers have been allocated permanent positions in Business, English and Biology.
Computing teacher appointed from August 2018
HE teacher to be interviewed
Music, Chemistry, English probationers have been requested
Modern Languages, Maths and RMPS vacancies to be reviewed.
2. PEF funding – this session £18000 -laptops for identified pupils, confidence to cook sessions, paired reading and PSA
 - Next session £26400 – pupil support/intervention worker post currently advertised.
3. Digital Strategy – New Chrome books have arrived and are ready to be distributed – 20 to English, 20 to Humanities and 20 to Science. 20 Apple I pads to go to Music. Apple TVs to be distributed to Science, Business, Geography, Room 7 and Maths.
4. Possible new major Business Partnership in the pipeline
5. Education Scotland Audit of PSE and Health and Wellbeing took place in February. Positive feedback received and some good ideas for moving forward.
6. Second Attainment Review Date is 28th March 2018. Targets for this session will be finalised.
7. Marr Committee attainment review went well on 6th March and was followed up by 9 Councillors visiting Aboyne Academy on 13th March.
8. Increased leadership opportunities for pupils to be introduced by creating junior prefect roles in S3 and also a senior S6 prefect for each House who will be responsible for a whole school remit.
9. Study support opportunities – Art, design and Technology Faculty hosting 2 days in April. Maths willing to run a study camp in Feb/March 2019.
10. Changes centrally that may impact on schools were briefly discussed.

5. Attainment / Improvement / Development

No report

6. Pupils Signing out of School

S6 pupils are frustrated that they are unable to sign out at the office until 1pm on days when they finish classes at 11am. This has led to pupils leaving school without signing out. AAPC asked if this requirement could be reviewed by SLT and be more flexible for the pupils. **Action – Lorraine**

7. Fundraising – Afternoon Tea Update

The Afternoon Tea fundraiser has been booked for Saturday 9th June in the MacRobert Hall, Tarland. It was suggested to have tables of 10 with the feeder schools all taking one or more each. The number of tables that the Hall can take needs to be determined.

Action - Sarah It was decided not to provide alcohol but people are welcome to bring their own if desired. It was proposed to charge £10 per ticket with extra funds being raised from raffles and games. A poster requires to be designed to advertise the event.

Action - Sarah

8. AOB

- The Academy P7 parent/carer meeting takes place on Wednesday 25th April from 7pm-9pm. AAPC have been asked to serve teas & coffees and give a presentation on our experiences as parents with Academy children. Please let Sarah know who is interested. **Action – all**
- AAPC asked if SLT could consider whether S5/6 pupils could have study leave during the prelims and not be required to attend school. Pros and cons were discussed at the meeting and SLT will review it. **Action - Lorraine**
- AAPC expressed concern at the lateness of S4/5/6 parents' evenings this year in respect of Choices Forms and the closeness to the exams. SLT are currently considering this. **Action – Lorraine**
- It was requested that a report on sustainability could be presented at a future AAPC meeting. **Action – Lorraine**
- AAPC asked if any progress had been made concerning the security/public access at the school. Lorraine reported that the school were unaware of any progress. Sarah agreed to email Cllr Paul Gibb to see if this issue could be progressed. **Action - Sarah**

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 15th May 2018, 7pm, Aboyne Academy