

Aboyne Academy Parents Forum
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 11th September 2018

Attendees

<i>Office Bearers</i>	<i>Parent Council Members</i>	<i>Parent Forum Members</i>
Sarah Leahy (Chair)	Sheila Mcmurtrie	Peter Barker
Lynn Murphy (Secretary)	Gail MacTaggart	Suzanne Saint Angelo
Julie Mitchell-Mehta (Treasurer)	Natasha Pawlukiewicz	Charles Dunbar
		Rob Brooker
Lorraine Scott (Head Teacher)		
Michael Foy (Deputy Head Teacher)		

Other Attendees

Apologies

Apologies were received from Andrea Geddes (Vice Chair), Pam Bruce, Veena Fernandez, Gill Ewart-Bannister, Elaine Starritt, Michael Mc Cann (Teacher Representative), Cllr Geva Blackett and Cllr Paul Gibb

Minutes of last meeting (AGM 5th September 2017)

It was noted that the action item of prelim examination timing had been addressed and the fundraising event of the Rotary Silent Auction had taken place.

The approved minutes were then proposed by Sarah Leahy and seconded by Lynn Murphy.

Chairperson's Report

Sarah thanked all members of AAPC this last session who have supported AAPC and the school. It is very important that the parent body work closely with the school and this is achieved very well in Aboyne. Thanks, were given to those who have helped at the various fundraisers and especially those who have held an office bearer's role this session.

A special thanks were given to Lorraine and the SLT. AAPC are delighted to see Lorraine back in school and it was felt important that thanks were noted to members of the SLT team who stood in when she was unwell.

During this last academic session AAPC have discussed and worked with the school on a variety of issues which have included;

- Additional support for pupils within the school
- Timing of parent's nights
- Building concerns – the learning plaza and security issues with access to the building
- Timing of prelims
- Prefect selection
- The Senior ball
- Pupils signing in and out of school

- Developing the young workforce

AAPC attended the P7 Parents evening and spoke to parents in an attempt to aid transition for P7's moving up to the Academy.

AAPC attended the Parent Council Chair meeting where all parent council chairs in Aberdeenshire are invited to meet with Senior Officers.

Monies were raised by AAPC for the school through fundraising raffles at the Christmas and Summer Concerts and the Christmas Fair. Unfortunately, the afternoon tea had to be cancelled due to lack of ticket sales.

In order to try and encourage a greater attendance at meetings AAPC have for the past couple of academic sessions held meetings on a different week day and in a different location at one of the cluster primary schools.

Head Teachers Report – given by Michael Foy (acting Head Teacher)

Staffing update

New staff: Craig Bradley (Computing), Janine Lowe (Home Economics). 3 vacancies currently advertised.

- Attainment
Update of recent SQA exam results and ongoing Faculty attainment reviews.
- Positive School Climate
New initiative to update Community Code. Jenny Law (PT Guidance) to attend a future meeting to discuss and seek feedback.
- Building update
Learning Plaza and Walker toilet projects to be completed in next two weeks. Some work in Room 5 and Rooms 27/28 to be completed before Christmas.
- Northern Star Business Awards
Aboyne Academy and Glen Tanar estate nominated for this award for delivering a joint "Hospitality Skills" day in March.
- Careers Fair
To be held on Thursday 20th September in the games hall.

Treasurer's Report

Julie presented the accounts for 2017/2018 (summary included below). The Closing balance for the year was £705.01. Sarah thanked Tessa Campbell for reviewing the AAPC accounts. It was decided to make a donation of £500 to school funds. It was also noted that the Parent Council Contribution from Aberdeenshire Council had not been received for 2017/2018 period. **Action:** Sarah will write to Christine Mclennan at Aberdeenshire council

Aboyne Academy Parent Council
 Accounts 1 August 2017 - 31 July 2018

income				expenditure		
	Aberdeenshire Council contribution		£0.00	18/01/2018	Donation to Aboyne Academy	£1,000.00
	30/11/2017 parents night teas		£63.22	22/01/2018	Aboyne Twinning Association	£10.00
	20/11/2018 Christmas fair raffle		£467.10	26/06/2018	Staff flowers	£35.00
	22/12/2018 Christmas concert raffle		£293.00			
	29/06/2018 Donation from Aboyne Toddlers		£100.00			
	06/07/2018 summer concert raffle		£274.00			
	06/07/2018 parents night teas		£19.63			
			£1,216.95			£1,045.00
	01/08/2016 opening balance		£533.06			
	income - expenditure		£171.95			
	31/07/2017 closing balance		£705.01			

Formation of the new Parent Council

- Sarah mentioned she had been Chair of AAPC for a number of years and was very keen to let someone new take the reins.
- Andrea Geddes also expressed a wish to step down from the position of Vice Chair and as an AAPC committee member.
- Lynn Murphy also expressed a desire to step down from her position as Secretary as she will be required to leave AAPC in May 2019 when her son leaves Aboyne Academy at the end of S6.
- Both Sarah and Lynn wished to continue to serve as ordinary members of AAPC and ensure seamless handovers.
- Rob Brooker and Natasha Pawlukiewicz kindly volunteered to take on the roles of Chair and Secretary respectively. Sarah Leahy kindly took on the role of Vice Chair this year as Sarah would be supporting Rob in a handover role for the position as Chair.

Nominations for members of the Parent Council took place as follows.

Post	Name	Proposed	Seconded	Pupils in Year
Chairperson	Rob Brooker	Sarah Leahy	Julie Mitchell-Mehta	S1
Vice Chairperson	Sarah Leahy	Lynn Murphy	Julie Mitchell-Mehta	S4 & 5
Secretary	Natasha Pawlukiewicz	Sarah Leahy	Julie Mitchell-Mehta	S2
Treasurer	Julie Mitchell-Mehta	Sarah Leahy	Lynn Murphy	S3 & 6
PC Member 1	Lynn Murphy	Sarah Leahy	Julie Mitchell-Mehta	S6
PC Member 2	Gail MacTaggart	Sarah Leahy	Lynn Murphy	S3 & 4
PC Member 3	Charles Dunbar	Sarah Leahy	Lynn Murphy	S1
PC Member 4	Suzanne Saint Angelo	Sarah Leahy	Lynn Murphy	S1
PC Member 5	Gill Ewart-Bannister	Sarah Leahy	Lynn Murphy	S3
PC Member 6	Veena Fernandez	Sarah Leahy	Lynn Murphy	S4
PC Member 7	Sheila Mcmurtrie	Sarah Leahy	Lynn Murphy	S5

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- Request to support Aboyne Twinning and publicise date of their AGM on 8th October 2018
- **Date for Next Meeting: Tuesday 30th October 2018 at 7pm, Aboyne Academy**