

Aboyne Academy Parent Council
Minutes of Meeting – Monday 13th May 2019

Aboyne Academy

Attendees:

Office Bearers	Parent Council Members
Rob Brooker (Chair)	Sarah Leahy
Natasha Pawlukiewicz (Secretary)	Gail MacTaggart
	Charles Dunbar
	Sheila McMurtrie
Michael Foy	Ashley Easton
	Brian Bethune

Apologies

Apologies were received from Julie Mitchell-Mehta, Lynn Murphy, Gill Bannister, Lorraine Scott, Jane Summers and Cllr Blackett.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting (19 March 2019)

The minutes were approved.

2. Chairpersons Report

The P7 transition evening went well and has received positive feedback. A guide to parental engagement was handed out.

3. Treasurers Report

- Bank balance is currently £347.
- Cheque for senior ball will be written once amount required is known. **Action - SLT**

4. Head Teacher Report

Staffing: 5 staff have gone on maternity leave, but all teaching vacancies have been filled. Graham Rennie and Claire Drewitt will job share guidance of Clachnaben. Elaine Cleary is a new business teacher. Debbie Brady will be working 3 days a week in HE. New staff in drama, music, arts and language.

An offer of support has been received from Mid Deeside Trust for English and Maths: subscriptions to online support and funding S6 for after school support.

Town Twinning: there is a possible trip in the October holidays for 15 pupils for 1 week. Registered volunteers may be needed.

Leaver's ceremony was held on 24th April. Claire Bruce from Glentanar Estate was the keynote speaker (Glentanar Estate and The Fife Arms in Braemar are the flagship business partnerships for the school).

SLT are rotating remits: Barry Drennan is moving to welfare; Malcolm MacIntyre is moving to curriculum and Michael Foy is moving to attainment.

Teachers' pay award has been finalised.

Parental engagement: Lorraine is keen to set up informal but targeted meetings with parents.

A wellbeing evening is taking place on 15th May focusing on mental health. This is aimed at parents and pupils, and the P7s have also been invited. It will take place in the theatre with breakout sessions. The guidance teachers have recently been trained in mental health first aid.

5. Pupil Council Report

The Parent Council were shown an excellent video made by the drama group of what they do.

6. Fundraising

The community centre confirmed that popcorn cannot be sold for film nights, but prewrapped food and drink is fine. There is an idea to hold a film night as a fundraiser (the school will need to pay as it can claim back VAT).

Summer concert: PC to run raffle. Date to be confirmed. **Action – SLT**

Plant sale is taking place on 1st June from 10am to 1pm in the Frog Pond area. There will be teas, coffees, tray bakes, also bat and bird boxes on sale. Eco club may be able to do posters. Is Room 7 growing for this, or is it for Seed Box?

There will be access on the Friday night to set up. Email to be sent out for volunteers – **Action – Rob/Gail.**

There is an ongoing request to teachers and pupils to suggest what the funds can be put towards. The Arts faculty would like Show Me boards (could be used in a future video to show parents).

7. Road Safety

Possible date of 27th May to continue discussions.

8. Scottish Government Parental Involvement and Engagement (PIE) Census

The census is being held from 27th May to 10th June and needs to be communicated via different channels.

9. AGM

Possibly run a Skype link from Braemar Primary School for parents. Need to be prepared re GDPR and disclosure.

10. End of Term Social

Rob to send round Doodle poll for a drink at the Boat to thank those parents who are leaving. Lynn Murphy is a priority. **Action – Rob.**

11. AOB

Social media is getting busier.

Plant sale to be advertised via Eco Group and Twitter.

12. Date of Next Meeting: AGM, Tuesday 10th September, Learning Plaza, Aboyne.