



## **Parent Council Meeting – AGM**

31-08-2021

(Held via Google Meet)

**Present:** Miss Anna Royle, Ms Karen Orchard, Ms Rebecca Mitchell, Ms Michelle Smith, Ms Krystle Burnett, Ms Alison Martin, Mr Brian Carney and Ms Sarah Burnett (Chairperson & Minute taker)

**Apologies:** Ms Laura Park and Ms Katherine Chadwick

Introductions were made and Mr Brian Carney was welcomed as the school representative for this year.

### **1 – Annual Report**

Due to the pandemic the Parent Council has not been as active as in previous years, however, below are details of achievements for the past year:

- Continued as the link between parents / carers and school.
- Asked that the parent / carer group were surveyed regarding any permanent changes to the start and finish times of the school day hours.
- Participated in the School Improvement Plan.
- Advocated on behalf of the parent / carers regarding the use of the school as a polling station (to be followed up).
- Began discussions about possible crossing at the top of Greenbrae on Dubford Road (to be followed up).

### **2 – Voting of Roles**

There were proposed changes to the Chairperson and Secretary roles which were agreed by all. The roles agreed are as follows:

- Sarah Burnett – Chairperson
- Krystle Burnett – Secretary
- Michelle Smith - Treasurer
- Aly Martin - PC member.
- Rebeca Mitchell- PC member.
- Karen Orchard - PC member and will continue to be responsible for the FB page.
- Laura Park - PC member
- Katherine Chadwick - PC member

### **3 – Treasurer Update**

MS has already submitted this year's accounts. Current balance in PC account is £645.83 and we should be due to receive the next payment of £310 in the coming weeks. AR will discuss with staff regarding resources that could be bought, and a small sum will be retained in the account for the purpose of any training or workshops that the PC would look to provide to the wider parent and carers group that may incur a cost.

#### **4 – Polling Station**

SB noted that Eleanor Shepheard had discussed the use of schools as Polling Stations at the most recent Aberdeen Parent Council Forum Meeting but unfortunately she could not attend. The minutes of this meeting have not yet been distributed, SB will update AR and the PC members of the outcome of discussion asap. In the meantime, AR will get in touch with the Minister of the Baptist Church to confirm the church is still in agreement with being used as a venue for a Polling station in the future.

#### **5 – Curriculum Development**

BC shared he is leading on the Vision, Values and Aims this year and is currently consulting with children and staff regarding the current school Vision, Values and Aims and to ensure they are still relevant and that previous goals identified are achievable. Mr Carney will share the ongoing work regarding the schools Vision, Values and Aims at the next PC meeting to be held on 05 October 2021.

#### **5 - Head Teacher Update**

AR shared the survey regarding changing of school hours has closed and whilst the outcome will be shared with parents and carers in the coming week (and there is a clear majority outcome) changes can not be made to the school day whilst bubbles remain necessary indoors. With increasing numbers of positive COVID cases in the community and in school the decision was made to maintain bubbles inside the school, with the children being able to mix in larger groups when outdoors.

Road Safety - AR shared she continues to receive information from people in the community that some children are not keeping safe whilst riding bikes to school. Children have been seen to not stop at kerb and cycle straight on to the road / zebra crossing. Road Safety is a planned topic for upcoming assembly the school have also received reflectors and high vis armbands for each child and they will be encouraged to use these, particularly as the mornings are becoming darker. KO will also post on the PC Facebook page a reminder for parents and carers collecting children from school to be mindful of the increasing number of children trying to stay on the pavement whilst riding their bikes.

**AOCB**

Safer Schools App – a fuller discussion will be had at the PC meeting to be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November where Mrs Boyd (DHT) will attend to present the information.

School Football – MS asked whether school football was being allowed to start back up. AR was unsure as it may be the parameters around this have changed however, she is meeting with the newly appointed active school's coordinator and will discuss with him and feedback.

### **Future Dates**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - 6.30pm (Vision, Values and Aims)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November - 6.30pm (School Improvement Plan & Safer Schools App)

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - 6.30pm

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 - 6.30pm

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - 6.30pm

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022 - 6.30pm

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022 - 6.30pm

### **Parent & Carer Course**

Below are links sent to the Parent Council from the Aberdeen Parent Council Forum.

- **Parent Wellbeing Toolkit**

Parent Network Scotland now have 13 people trained in Aberdeen to deliver the wellbeing course to parents and carers. The course is intended to support parents and carers own wellbeing and help to support children stay calm and relaxed with lots of other tips and practical ideas shared also.

The course is 1 hour a week for 9 weeks and is undertaken on a virtual basis. To register interest email [edupartnerships@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:edupartnerships@aberdeencity.gov.uk) or register directly with Parent Network Scotland by clicking [here](#)

- **Parenting Learning Hub**

The Parenting Learning Hub has lots of information and support for parent and carers at can be accessed here:

<https://sites.google.com/ab-ed.org/parent-learning-hub/home?authuser=0>

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**Tuesday 28th September @ 7.30pm - 8:30pm**



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