



CHARLESTON ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of Parent Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd February 2016

Present: Annetta Crookes, Ciara Flugel, Rona Macaskill, Christina Wittke, Laura Beaton, Urszula Kozak, Lindsey Stout, Julie Riddle, Fiona Malcolm, Sue Fraser, Andrea Paterson, Fiona Alexander, Lyndie Cameron, Gordon Stewart, Kate Morris.

In Attendance: Rona Macpherson (Depute Rector), Helen Hunter (Depute Rector)

Apologies: Anne Ashton, Leona Hayes, Linda MacLean, Chris O'Neill (Rector), Maureen Gallie (clerk)

1.	<p><u>WELCOME</u> Kate Morris welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>
2.	<p><u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> The minute of the December meeting were approved. Proposed: Ciara Flugel Seconded: Fiona Alexander</p>
3.	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING</u> There were no matters arising.</p>
4.	<p><u>RECTOR'S REPORT</u></p> <p>In the absence of Mr O'Neil the Rector's Report was given by Rona Macpherson and Helen Hunter.</p> <p>Staffing – Rob Seymour (Principal Teacher of Technology) has retired. An advert is awaiting approval for his replacement but in the meantime cover is being supplied.</p> <p>Christmas hampers were once again collated in the school and given out before Christmas to the Salvation Army and also to local residents. These were gratefully received and the school has received several letters of thanks from some recipients.</p> <p>The Christmas activities arranged by Charleston – including the Christmas Dinner, Christmas Dances and Christmas Quiz - were all well attended and thanks must be given to all the staff who gave up their own time to ensure these events were, once again, a great success.</p> <p>The total amount raised by the staff and pupils in Charleston over the past year for various charities amounted to £8794.89. A great achievement by all.</p> <p>Thanks to go to Parent Council for their support for the YPI final.</p> <p>The school Debating Team have again achieved great success at both the Donald Dewar and NOSS competitions.</p> <p>The American Football club is resuming at the school.</p> <p>RYLA will again be offered to all pupils in S4 and S5.</p> <p>The Climbing Club competed at the Scottish Schools Climbing Competition in Elgin. 17 pupils took part in 2 competitions. Well done to all who took part.</p> <p>The Modern Studies Department arranged a trip to the Scottish Parliament and Modern Languages had a trip to attend the Business Brunch.</p> <p>The Curriculum Information evenings were very well attended as were the S4 and S5 Parent Evenings.</p> <p>The course choices for S2 –going into S3, and S3-5 going into S4-6, are underway.</p> <p>Prelims are once again taking place in school this term.</p>
5.	<p><u>Change to 33 Period Week</u></p> <p>Mr Stewart gave a presentation on this subject and gave a short talk on the rationale behind it and the school's plans to implement this. A discussion of the many variables followed. More information on this subject can be found on the school website.</p>



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6.	<u>Trips and Projects</u> Lyndie Cameron gave updates on the school trips to Peru and the Watersports and USA trips. Information will be coming out later on in the year to allow parents to better spread payments for trips.
7.	<u>Photography Consents</u> To be discussed at the next meeting.
8.	<u>Highland Parent Council Partnership</u> Kate updated everyone on the newly formed Highland Parent Council Partnership. The role of this group is to represent Parent Councils across Highland to the Care and Learning Department of Highland Council. Recent discussions have included topics such as the budget cuts and the 33 period week.
9.	<u>Finance</u> The current balance of the Parent Council account is £3024.59. A Funding request has been received for basketball strips. This will be emailed to members for comments.
10.	<u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u> The Parent Council have been invited to the Science Demo Day in March – date to be confirmed
11.	<u>Correspondence</u> There was no correspondence for discussion.
12.	<u>Date of next meeting</u> Tuesday 15 th March at 7pm