



## CHARLESTON ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL

### **Minutes of Charleston Academy Parent Council Meeting on Wednesday 16th May 2018.**

**Present:** David Garvie, Andrew MacLean, Julie Riddle, Annetta Crookes, Antonia Macdonald, David MacLennan, Grant Franklin, Rona MacAskill, Lynsey Graham, Emma Knox, Gordon Stewart, Lyndie Cameron, Fiona Alexander, Fiona Malcolm, Ciara Flugel, Kate Morris

**Apologies:** David Gillies, Kate MacEwan, Elspeth Mackenzie

#### **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Kate Morris opened the meeting and welcomed all attending.  
Last minutes are outstanding and will be approved at the next meeting.

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

Discussion about funding for after school activities, both academic and extra-curricular.  
School management will consider funding as needed, on an individual basis.

#### **RECTORS REPORT**

By August this year it is likely Charleston Academy will have full staffing.  
There are currently some temporary guidance staff until the Council have a meeting to discuss permanent posts.  
The principle teacher of history Catherine Bain is Acting Principle teacher of English.

Mr Stewart passed around copies of draft School Improvement Plan. Parents' comments are welcome up until finalisation 05/06/18. There is reference to the Pupil Council, dress code, pupil mobile phone use, study skills and raising attainment.

Equity for disadvantaged children is part of this plan and Children Service Workers are to contact parents who are not as engaged with the school. Mr Stewart has asked parents for any other ideas on how we can involve these parents more.



## CHARLESTON ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL

Senior management is consulting with parents on raising the number of subjects taken at National 5 level from 6 to 7. Many parents feel the current limit is too narrow a choice. Some pupils are also then having to crash Highers later on.

The World of Work will be integrated more in the classroom through the DYW.

Highlife Highland have condemned the safety of the Astro Turf pitch, which is now out of use.

The school had access to this during school hours. This is being looked into.

The school has been awarded a capital fund of £7.5 million.

**Kate Morris** to email Robert Campbell to push plans forward.

### FINANCE REPORT

Account balance of £1,693.12 on 03/07/18

Funding request-

£25 to family in need agreed.

£73 pounds to the speedy reader group.

### STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH

Parent Council to provide staff lunch on 4th June.

Catering provided once more by Rona Macaskill of "The Forest Kitchen". Parent and pupil volunteers are asked to help set up, serve and tidy away afterwards.

Previous volunteers have always enjoyed the event- especially eating the leftovers.

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion about improving communication and information especially for S1 parents. Acknowledged that although letters home and texts had greatly improved information sharing with parents, the school would look to making school policies more accessible on the website

### CORRESPONDENCE

None received



## CHARLESTON ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

29th August 2018

The meeting was followed by a discussion on questions for the Head Teacher interviews.

No staff were present for this.