



CHARLESTON ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of Parent Council AGM Held on Wednesday 3rd October 2018

Present: Ruth Malone, Grant Franklin, Kate Morris, Fiona Malcolm, David Gillies, Ciara Flugel, Mo Burnett, Rona Macaskill

In attendance: Gordon Stewart, Head Teacher; Rona MacPherson, Depute; Helen Hunter, Depute; Alec Graham, councillor.

Apologies: David Garvie, Antonia MacDonald, Margaret Davidson, Graham Ross, Bill Boyd, Lynsey Graham.

WELCOME

Kate welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Proposed David Gillies
Seconded Kate Morris

MATTERS ARISING

none

FINANCE REPORT

Current balance £1,693.12- last bank statement from July 2018.
Audited February 2018

Parent council annual report

Kate began by commenting on the schools current stable staffing numbers. The Parent Council has continued to support funding requests from various school groups.

Over the year the Parent Council have met with staff to discuss staffing, exam results, school trips, PEF funding, school security and the school building. GS and Kate met with Margaret Davidson and gave her a guided tour of building, including the poor condition science labs and the tree on roof. There has been progress on this issue which is finally getting quite exciting.

Kate thanked Fiona Malcolm for representing Charleston Academy at a recent meeting with the Inverness West councillors which was a great opportunity to raise school issues directly.

The 10th Art Exhibition is set for 26th November. Please notify Kate if you know of any local crafters/artists who might be interested in a stall. The Art Exhibition is a joint collaboration between the Art Department and the Parent Council with money raised going to support the Art department often to purchase new equipment. A raffle will be held and Kate has requested any donations to be handed in to the school office. A planning meeting will be held at Ciara's House on 6th November at 7pm. This is relaxed -



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please bring a savory dish evening and let Kate or Ciara know if you wish to attend or like a lift.

A staff appreciation lunch was provided by the Parent Council to thank the staff for all the work they do for the pupils. Kate thanked Rona from the Forest Kitchen for providing the catering which was very well received.

The PC has continued to run a pre-loved uniform stall - at the Art Exhibition, and the S1 information evening, asking for donations in exchange for uniform. There are a number of ward funds and the PC would be interested in partnering with clubs in future applications to ward funds.

Rector's report

Gordon advised that there are tough times ahead, with the council budget under increasing pressures.

Robert Campbell has had a tour around the school noting the needs of each department. A structural survey is to be completed over the October holidays. Gordon is keen to push the renovation plans forward with a new roof over the next year, a new building at the back of the school and finally refurbishment of the rest of the building.

WW1 100 year anniversary is to be commemorated with a Belgium trip and a play through the History Department. Local primary schools will be involved.

Management have been reviewing school trips and in future more thought will be placed on reducing costs so trips are more accessible to all pupils and spread more evenly throughout the years.

New Parent Council Members and appointment of office bearers.

Kate Morris is stepping down as chair.

Grant Franklin was proposed and accepted as the new chair.

Fiona Malcolm will continue as vice-chair.

Ciara Flugel will continue as treasurer.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 21st November at 7pm.