

Minutes of Auchinleck Academy Parent Council Meeting & AGM 7th September'16

Present: Elizabeth Rankine, Peter Gilchrist, Robert Brown, Carol Leitch, Susan Robertson, Martin Goudie, Hilary Sharpe, Judith Govans, Maureen Guthrie, Elaine Taylor, Agnes Nicol, Alex Gregory, Fiona Shankland

1. Apologies: Jennifer Macara, Fiona McKinnon, Gillian Steele, Adele Young, Cllr Roberts, Trudy Morrison

2. Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st June'16 were approved by Robert Brown and seconded by Susan Robertson

3. Matters arising:

- Grange Academy Visit: No response re date, Martin will contact chair
- Elizabeth attended the new S1 parents event on 14th June'16

4a. Treasurer Update:

Susan has returned the change of names form to the bank but has not heard anything back. To contact previous treasurer to check if anything else needs to be done. Currently we have £134.06 in the bank.

4b. Chair Update:

Martin has looked at funding grants and has made 3 applications

- Andrew Lloyd Webber foundation: application for theatre trips to encourage children to attend who would not normally be able to do so. Response awaited end of November
- Royal Society Stem education
- Big Lottery Sports tickets for live sport events

5. Election of committee members: as per the constitution all office bearers stood down

Martin Goudie proposed as Chair person

Susan Robertson proposed as Treasurer

Alex Gregory proposed as Secretary- Maureen Guthrie and Judith Govans agree to take minutes of the meetings

6. Head Teacher Updates:

Peter discussed Quality Indicator feedback system from the parent forum. Martin agreed to look at Survey Monkey and the possibility of feedback via this if sent out as a link in a text and on school website.

The Scottish Attainment Challenge for schools is now being rolled out at local authority level. East Ayrshire is now a Scottish Attainment Challenge Authority and there will be funding associated with this. Peter has met with local primary HTs to discuss this and start working on a sustainable action plan.

Rights Respecting School: Mrs Devine to be invited to attend next meeting with an update

Peter gave an update on staff changes, some staff are temporary and further interviews planned.

Results: National 5 5+ down to 26% which is disappointing for year group, this S4 group has had a high number of non-attenders.

1+ Highers achieved by 54%, similar to last year, 3+ Highers A-C increased from 28% to 33% and 5+ Highers A-C increased from 8% to 14% from last year (9 pupils achieved 5 A's)

New School: an update letter will go out to parents this week

7. Blazers:

Some pupils are having blazers altered due to dislike of shape. Peter will discuss this further with pupil forum.

8. AOCB:

- Question re availability of exam breakdown for pupils. Peter will check on information provided as to what can be shared
- Some problems with Parentpay. School meals, pupils being charged for items not purchased. Peter will investigate reasons
- Show My Homework Parents and Pupils are generally very happy with this system

9. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 25th October'16 at 7pm