| Parent Council Meeting – Conference Room28th January 2019  |
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| AttendeesApologiesGuests | **Calum Johnston – Head Teacher****June Murphy – Chair****Dolores Laird – Secretary****Fiona Gibson – Treasurer****William Simson - PC Member****Heather McCubbin – Parent****Carrie Davidson – Parent****Liz Winters – Parent****Antonio Cocozza – PC Member****Sandra Downer – PC Member****Ashley McNaught – Parent****Maggie Clark - Parent****John Sweeny – Local Counsellor****Andrew Kier – 3 towns planning co-ordinator** |

JM thanked all members for attending meeting and covered apologies. CJ Introduced Guest speakers, John Sweeney and Andrew Kier, who are visiting on behalf of the local council to discuss the community investment fund of £600k which is aimed at improving mental health and wellbeing, improve support to those with complex needs and to promote inclusion, including financial inclusion, in our community. They are looking for ideas on how to spend the money. Grants are looked at quarterly and next meeting is in March. Any ideas suggestions should be sent to John Sweeney. Suggestions were to focus on elderly interaction, how to tackle the addiction to the internet (90% of school issues involve social media), Men’s Mental Health and Well Being (possibly targeting the 20-35 age range) and supplying “first aid” for mental health. Any ideas must be sustainable

Members of the PC advised that they will discuss and get back to him if they come up with any ideas.

Question was asked to JS regarding the recent talk of closing down Auchenharvie Leisure Centre (Harvie’s) . This is due to lack of funding to refurbish and to the new Ardrossan Academy being built. Parents are concerned that we are already living in one of the most deprived areas in Scotland and that the council say they are trying to encourage more healthier lifestyles and decrease social isolation yet they want to take away the only leisure venue we have in Stevenston!!  So many people reply on this for social interaction, including the elderly, and this is a much-needed local facility which should stay in Stevenston and not be moved to the new Ardrossan Academy school where there are no public transport links making access for most service users difficult, if not impossible! 40-60 kids use the ice rink every Friday night, there are over 6000 swimmers every month and the fitness centre has been proven to be popular for young and old alike.

He agreed with our concerns and advised that should we wish to petition against this, and get our voice heard, then the best way would be for individual people to send letters of concern to council.

**HEAD TEACHERS REPORT**

CJ Advised that Prelims are nearing the end. Bulk of examinations are now finished.

He advised that NAC has been identified by the Scottish Government as being “well ahead of the game” when it comes to improving our schools. Auchenharvie Academy has been identified and recognised as being one of the schools in NAC with the most improved, and highest, attendance. Increased from 86.4% in previous years to 90.38% currently.

Auchenharvie Academy were also lucky enough to be chosen to appear on a new programme, filmed for BBC Scotland, which will be shown on the new Scottish television channel w/c 24th Feb. The programme involved a few pupils giving their slant on suicide and mental health along with other topics.

PC then had a tour of the new PE area. Good progress now being made.

Excellent up to date, modern facilities now available to pupils.

CJ then explained that the lift has now broken down after ongoing issues and is now out of use completely.

The cost to renew the lift is £75k and the work will take 12weeks to complete commencing 12th Feb. CJ is trying to get this fast tracked as this is now a H&S issue.

**Treasurer update**

Old back account now closed. All funds transferred to one account.

**PC AOB**

Fund raising night arranged for Fri 26th April. Sally Buxton. Saltcoats Bowling Club. £8.00 per ticket. 730pm start.

P7 parents evening coming up. Need to arrange for PC to be promoted.

Try and get a PC logo and arrange popup stand to be designed/printed.

**Next PC Meetings**

25th Feb 2019 6.30-8.30pm – Presentation on new ASN school.

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| PC Logo and pop up bannerTo be arranged. PC Members ASAP |
| Distribution | Calum Johnston, PC Members/Visitors |
| Prepared by | Dolores Laird |
| Date | 07th Feb 2019 |
| Next Meeting | 26th Nov 2018 – 18.30hrs  |