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|  | Parent Council Meeting  25th April 2022 |
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| Attendees            Apologies      Guests | **Calum Johnston – Head Teacher**  **June Murphy – Chair**  **Carrie Davidson – Secretary**  **Craig Leckie – Treasurer**  **Dolores Laird – PC Member**  **Yvonne Bennet – PC Member**  **Karen Duff – Parent**  **William Simson - PC Member**  Andrea Gibson (CHAP) |

JM thanked all members for attending meeting and covered apologies

CJ handed over to Andrea Gibson who provided an overview of her role within Better Off north Ayrshire, assisting with benefits advice and financial budgeting, digital support and access, providing iPads, phones and sine cards. Individual clients are allocated a key worker and given a holistic approach to their needs. Andres works closely with CIS, Money Matters and Community Link Workers targeting vulnerable groups including parents via schools. Robin Ballyntyne who is an outreach worker joined the team and is working with the school. Links are made with Lemonade-Energy Debts, housing support and various aspects of financial difficulties.

CJ highlighted that the current cost of living crisis is affecting more than just the most vulnerable families, also working families who would never previously have required support. There are noticeable detrimental effects on mental and physical health of pupils impacting on their educational aspects.

AG highlighted that link workers are based within GP surgeries to provide further access to clients. Their case can be open for an indefinite length of time. It is only closed when the client no longer requires support.

**Head Teachers Report**

CJ – Thanked the PC for the new benches which have been delivered and appreciated by the pupils. One if the senior pupils has volunteered to paint the benches as part of his DOE work.

Friday 22 April 2022 was the last day for the 6th year pupils. Assembly, photos and “soak the teacher” water fight were arranged and went well.

25th April 2022 sees the start of study leave with the exam diet starting 26th April 2022.

Easter school was a success with positive feedback from staff and pupils. NAC paid the bill for Easter school which was approximately £15K. The next phase includes exam breakfasts and master classes. Master classes are primarily pupil led with then requesting what help and support is required. Exam breakfasts are from 0730-0845 on the day of the exams for pupil sto drop in on a voluntary basis for some moral support.

There are several 4th, 5th and 6th year pupils still to complete course work due to absences of both pupils and teachers. These pupils are invited into class to complete the work.

There is a cohort of pupils not sitting any exams. Normally a skills academy would be provided but as a result of covid, once again this is not available this year.

The new timetable for the current 1st 2nd and 3rd years will commence on Monday 23rd may 2022. The current 4th and 5th year pupils will move to their new timetables on Monday 30th May 2022 when study leave ends.

Level 5 wider achievement qualifications will be provided and are quickly and easily achievable.

The PC will be given advanced details of the school improvement plan and will be able to provide feedback on same.

The online parent’s night was discussed and noted that overall successful and worked well but issues with online booking and some sound and visual issue during some appointments. Next year a “hybrid model” is being proposed with some face to face arrangements and other online appointments.

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Prize giving - £50 donation will be given for the PC award

JM confirmed benches have been paid for and arrived

Group discussion around period packs, toiletry supplies and addition food support

JM will draft a letter to send to local businesses asking for any donations/support

**Next meeting**

Monday 30-th May - AGM