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|  | Parent Council Meeting  27th November 2023 |
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| Attendees            Apologies | Callum Johnston – Head Teacher  June Murphy – Chair  Carrie Davidson – Secretary  Craig Leckie - Treasurer  Yvonne Bennet – PC member  Norri Brown – Guest Speaker  Linda Mahood – Parent  Julie Cameron – Parent  Raymond Wilson – Parent  Karen Duff – PC Member |

JM thanked all members for attending meeting and covered apologies. Previous minutes accepted.

**Head Teacher Report**

CJ thanked the PC for supporting the upcoming Christmas Fayre and for their generous donation of £500 towards the Christmas Hampers being given out to families. £4000 was received from Cash for Kids fund also. JM enquired about collection cans as PC members happy to collect to raise funds, CJ advised would update with details for same.

CJ advised that Mr Keavney is leaving to teach at Duncanrig High School in East Kilbride and will be a great loss to the technical department and school as a whole.

CJ informed that attendance is falling. This is across Scotland and not just within Auchenharvie Academy. The current average attendance has fallen to 85% in a school week. Staff are following up on absences on a daily basis with poor feedback from parents/carers when the school attempts to interact with them. The attendance figures are signed off weekly and sent to North Ayrshire Council. There are staff allocated to specifically monitor attendance. There are safeguarding procedures place and vulnerable pupils are monitored.

CJ introduced Norri to the PC who know him well as a respected figure of both the school and local community. Norri has been nominated and to be awarded the UK National Award for contribution to Duke of Edinburgh “Torch Bearer of the Year”

Norri is looking to reestablish link with local Fire Service to improve respect and connections. Norri’s remit covers all bronze, silver and gold groups within DoE and he works with Miss Davis and the guidance staff. Auchenharvie Academy is the most successful Gold DoE group in the West of Scotland. Norri informed that the after school group has been a great success with 34 Bronze pupils at present. Norri highlighted that DoE was known to be male dominated but now with his work with Miss Davis there is more even split of both male and female pupils. There are timetabled groups working with local groups

Including fire station, Doon the Beach and hopefully soon the Glencairn Gym. Norri works alongside Ross and arrange a vast variety of trips out with the local area. CJ advised that there a successional plan for when Norri leaves to ensure his tremendous work continues.

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YB asked about S4 parents evening and CJ confirmed it is arranged for 26 February 2024

PC members discussed and agreed arrangements for stall at upcoming Christmas Fayre taking place this Friday 1st December 2023.

**Date of next meeting**

Monday 22nd January 2024