

Airdrie Academy
Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday 11th January 2017

Attending; David Lawson, Graham McPhee, Lesley Coburn, Alexandria McNeil, Jan Buchanan, Margaret McKenna, Andrew MacKenzie-Hirst, Scott Cornfield, Shona Cowan, Gillian Gallagher, Derek Espie, Daun Ferguson, Matthew Paul school captain, vice captains Rhea Currie, Lindsay Rideout, Martin Anderson, Councillor Alan Beveridge.

Apologies; Wil McGhie, David Smith, Councillor Andrew Sprout.

David Lawson Vice Chairperson led the meeting in the absence of Chairperson Wil McGhie. David wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed new Head teacher Martin Anderson to the council. Martin will take up the role of Head teacher on Monday 30th January 2017.

Minutes from the previous meeting were proposed by Graham McPhee and seconded by Scott Cornfield.

Matters Arising;

Ian Fannon sent a card thanking the Parent Council for his gift he was presented with on his retirement.

Fund raising report;

Margaret McKenna will be stepping down from the fundraising group at the end of term and is looking for someone to take over her role as Treasurer. Fundraising group this term held a Disco for the new S1 pupils in September, has donated a new wall board for Parent Council information, £300 to the English department for Authors to visit the department during their Literacy week, £50 to each house to start of the house challenges. They also gave the Home Economics department money to help with a Tea for the neighbouring OAP community. The department also received a sum of money to help with the National 5 Hospitality class to present a Staff dinner. The meal was outstanding and well presented. The Students involved were a credit to their Home Economics teacher and themselves for an outstanding night. The latest fundraising night was a Shop2drop night. Massive thanks to Staff and Students who gave up their time to make the night a great success. Next event will be a Quiz/Wine night. Date to be decided at the next meeting.

Head Teacher report will follow at the next meeting as Mr Anderson will be meeting with Deputes and Staff in the coming weeks.

No Correspondence.

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Parent Council members will think of how they as a council can better the connection between themselves and the students of the school and bring their ideas along to the next meeting.

Mr Anderson asked that the hard work of Fundraising group be added to the school newsletter and publicised on the school webpage. Parent Council input will be included in the School Improvement Plan.

Councillor Beveridge thanked the council for his invite to meetings and congratulated them in all their hard work in fundraising over the years. He also wished Martin Anderson all the best in his role as Head Teacher of Airdrie Academy.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 1st March 2017 @ 7.30pm