



AIRDRIE ACADEMY

Parent Council Chairperson's Report

2015-16 year

Wednesday 27 April 2017

I'd like to thank you all for your attendance tonight and for your continued support to our Parent Council, our Fundraisers and our school.

We are currently sitting with a membership of 12 parents and 4 supporting staff. If you know of anyone else who'd like to join us, please invite them to our next meeting.

We have been involved in the following:

Attended and supported the Home Economics Nat 5 Students Dinner;

Maintained our links with Round Table – with Rotary to be re-visited in the near future;

We said goodbye after many years to our former Headmaster Ian Fannon, which meant 3 of our team had to be involved in the interviewing for our new Headmaster – congratulations to Martin on being our overwhelming choice as Ian's successor. I know already that we have won a watch.

We have served teas/coffees and snacks at Parent Evenings & the School Xmas show, with money raised being part of fund raising activities; and the work of our PC being highlighted to parents by discussion and issuing of flyers at these events.

We have attended the P7 school children's evening visit with their parents – where Margaret and I gave a talk on the work we do. This is an important one for us as this is where I see us gaining new members for our great team here.

We have provided news prizes for the annual school prize-giving.

We have had a Councillor attending almost every meeting.

We have now got the School Captain attending and have asked for a member of the Pastoral Team to come on board.

All our records are fully up to date now on the school website but do still need to be fully up-loaded to the NLC supporting system – First Class.

The Chairman has attended some of the tri-monthly Parent Consultative Group Meetings, ensuring Airdrie Academy has been represented. On that note I would ask that in the future, if you any of you can attend in my absence, them that would be really appreciated.

We ran our most successful S1 Disco yet, back in September.

In addition to the teas/coffees fund-raising, we have had a Wine/Cheese/Quiz Night & a ladies Fashion show - more will follow from the treasurer about these.

The money raised has been ploughed back into the school.

Several members of the PC - and friends - assisted at the S4 Mock interview evening.

We continue to be registered with Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire, receiving monthly updates on the work they do throughout Lanarkshire and showing us the opportunities for volunteering that are out there and where possible, there is the chance to obtain financial support.

We supported the teachers' quiz night in aid of St Andrew's Hospice and had a great night – raising over £700, but sadly losing, due to a schoolboy error in playing our Joker on the Lyrics Round – Big mistake, big mistake!!!

The annual North Lanarkshire Council Learning Festival was attended and positive feedback received for its format and itinerary.

I'd personally like to thank: Ian Fannon, Graeme Nolan, Daun Ferguson, Elaine McGuire, Caroline O'Connor, Lynn Carlin & Martin Anderson, for all of their advice and support to the PC – and Fundraisers - during the past year; the support of staff in the office; and teachers who have given up their own time to help us out at our events.

I'd like to thank David Lawson for being a sterling deputy, standing in for me when it's been needed.

I'd like to thank the Fundraising team which involves both parents and staff who do not attend these meetings (Lesley Truesdale, Lynn Carlin & Caroline O'Connor), plus Shona and Gillian – again a heartfelt plea if you would like to be more involved, or know of someone with a skill-set for fund-raising, please direct them my way.

Last but not least I'd now like to thank my right hand man (sorry woman) Margaret McKenna for her sterling efforts as Treasurer over the past year. She is – still, like last year - a dog with a bone if there's two pence to be made, where I only ask for a penny! She is a great support to me.

Finally I'd like to invite you all to approve this Report as an accurate record of the past year's activities.

Wil McGhie