

Airdrie Academy
Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday 1st November 2017

Attending; Wil McGhie, Andy McKenzie-Hirst, Shona Cowan, Lynn Stewart, Derrick Espie, David Lawson, Audrey Tweedie, Roy Spence, Alexandria McNeil, Daun Ferguson, School Captain Eman Quasim, Vic Captains Rebecca Morgan, Katie Laing, Martin Anderson, Graeme Nolan.

Apologies; Jan Buchanan, Gillian Gallagher, Graeme McPhee, Rev R Hamilton, Councillor Logue.

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Derrick Espie and seconded by Lynn Stewart.

Matters Arising;

Wil McGhie and another representative will be representing Airdrie Academy at the next Parent Consultative group meeting being held on "1st November 2017.

Head Teacher Report;

Head Teacher is pleased with the way the school is progressing. The school recently held their senior prize giving service in New Wellwynd Church. This was well supported by Parents and Staff.

S6 Pupils and Staff returned from their recent emotional Belgium trip full of stories about visiting former pupils' graves and of their Menin Gate experience. Next year the group will dedicate a plaque in memory of Airdrie Academy former pupils in St George Chapel, Ypres.

Articles for the school newsletter should be to the head teacher by the end of the week.

Charities sponsored by the houses this year will be Macmillan Cancer, St Andrews Hospice and Syrian Refugee charity.

Thanks to J Paterson and staff who recently held a health week for the S1 year group. A variety of activities were displayed during the week including Heartstart session.

Once again we will be holding Literacy week organised by Gemma Anderson who has arranged for visiting authors to come into the school to speak to the pupils.

Spy Quest will also be visiting Airdrie Academy for the P7 cluster primaries. During this visit the P7 teachers will meet with the English department.

11 candidates have expressed an interest in the vacant Support for learning post. Interviews have also taken place for the 0.5 Science Technicians post. Derek Gaul will be hosting workshops with senior pupils and SMT members.

Correspondence;

All received correspondence has been sent to members via email.

AOCB;

Shop2drop fundraiser will be held on Friday 10th November.

Shona Cowan a parent council member along with Lynn McClelland, Maths teacher and Volunteers will hold a Skills to Bills workshop during S1 Numeracy week 13th – 14th March 2018.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 10th January 2018 @ 6.30pm