

AIRDRIE ACADEMY
PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH 2019

Attending; Wil McGhie, Shona Cowan, Margaret McKenna, Gillian Gallagher, Graham McPhee, Pamela Ross, Andy MacKenzie-Hirst, Jo Lilly, Hayley McCavitt, Graeme Nolan, Kyle, Olivia and Adam school captains, Martin Anderson, Councillor Alan Beveridge

Apologies; Scott Cornfield, Audrey Tweedie, Derek Espie, David Lawson, Alexandra McNeil, Shirley Anderson, Daun Ferguson, Lynn Carlin.

Minutes from the previous meeting were proposed by Shona Cowan and seconded by Gillian Gallagher.

Matters Arising;

One of our pupils has been chosen to attend Los Angeles to represent Great Britain at the Championships for Performing Arts and has asked the Parent Council/School for a donation to help towards the life time achievement.

Two of our Mental Health Ambassadors came along and spoke to the Parent council about their roles as part of the school's Mental Health Ambassador team.

Thanks to Wil McGhie and Scott Cornfield for the up and running of the Parent Council twitter account.

Discussion took place on the statistics and Modern Apprenticeship regarding the Developing Young Workforce.

Improving Opportunities Team spoke about the Literacy and Numeracy strategies which are now in place. A donation from the fundraiser group along with parent council members and Lynn Carlin are supporting families in our school community.

Tree of Knowledge trip to Arran will now be replaced by Outward Bound Outdoor centre.

Head Teachers' Report;

Staffing; A Depute post has become available due to Mrs Hunter leaving Airdrie Academy in the next few weeks to take up a new position with NLC. The interviews for applicants will take place at Kildonan Street on 23rd April.

The school also lost another valuable member of staff when Miss J Paterson left to take up a new post down south.

From August Mrs A Dewar will work Monday till Wednesday. Parent Council members who are trained in Interview panel will once again be involved in the up and coming Interviews.

August 2019 the school will be on target for a full staff role.

School values and Quality Assurance are still ongoing at present.

Easter school will run this year for one week at the start of the Easter holidays.

Thursday 25th April will be the first day of senior study leave. During their study leave seniors will have the opportunity to attend Master Classes in chosen subjects.

Our LGBT group are hoping to attain their Silver Award this year. The latest Purple Friday raised a grand sum of £866.

Mr Nolan presented the parent council with a power point on the attainment of the school.

Treasurers Report;

We have a healthy balance at present. This year the fund raising group have donated to the Dance group, School show, School Prom and the group for vulnerable families. The next fund raiser will be the Quiz night which will be held on Friday 10th May in the assembly hall.

AOCB; The parent council flyer has been updated thanks to Mr S Cornfield.

School websites updates have also been updated thanks to the Librarian.

Parent group activities are working on “Managing Teenage Behaviour”

Date of the next meeting;

Wednesday 24th April 2019 @ 6.30pm followed by the AGM