Aberuthven Parent Partnership

11th February 2019

1. **Present**  
   Angelina Bruce, David Bruce, Francesca Green, Nicola Tyrell, Robin Bell
2. **Apologies**

Kerri Watson

1. **Old business and approval of last meeting’s minutes**All present agreed last minutes were approved.
2. **Financial Report**AB advised that she had all relevant information for the accounts for 2017-2018 to obtain the yearly PK Parent Council Funding. The accounts need to be verified by SM. AB to obtain signatures from SM & MR for a cheque for paper order. Due to the bank causing the parent council many issues over the last 2 years, AB to close account and open with a different bank, once she has control of account. AB advised that when she banked the money raised last, the bank then put a stop on the account, claiming they had not received relevant forms. FG, AB & DB expressed that they wished to write complaint letters, as forms have been sent to bank several times and all are concerned with personal data that was issued to bank. DB advised that when writing a complaint, a time line should be given to bank, showing issues from start to finish,. NT advised including the minutes that have been taken over the past 2 years to back complaint. DB said that other parent councils had similar issues with banks. Current total in account is £1149.00.
3. **Chair Person Report**DB advised that there would be little events due to lack of resources. Hard to organise events with lack of parent involvement. NT advised that 9-10 families to join next year. DB suggested a “Welcome BBQ”, NT advised that there would be a P1 Lunch on 31st May between 10.30-12.00pm, and would be a good opportunity for Committee Members to talk to new parents and ask if they would like to join committee. FG advised that she would be available to attend and gather e-mail addresses and talk about the parent council and volunteering. AB suggested creating a form to try and get people on board and show what the Parent Council actually funds. DB has suggested that we need headed paper and change of logo.  
     
   After School Club Plans are on hold at present.
4. **Head Teacher Report**School Website  
     
   The school website is currently being updated, as PK Council policy is to move Staff email and Mircosoft Office to be accessed through GLOW. This will be a benefit to everybody and to share more. The current website is provided by Greenhouse and currently costs £295 per year, but GLOW is free. The old website will be phased out by August. AB asked if the photos would still be on site, NT to look further into this. AB & FG asked about the APP for the school, this will be looked at next year, as this would be around £200 to install.  
     
   World of Work Opportunity  
     
   Several people are coming into the school to talk about their line of work, to show children the different career paths they can take. DB coming in on 20th Feb to talk about his role as Senior Forest Manager. Other professions that are booked are, World of Dance, Baby Massage, Electrician, Fashion Development, Early years Practitioner, Tiny Talk Practitioner and Child Minding. AB coming in on 25th to discuss Child Minding. This will run until 29th March and DB to speak to Blair about coming in to talk about being a pilot.   
     
   Intergenerational Work  
     
   NT advised that one of our current parent helpers are unable to carry on with their work. NT looking down the avenue of Intergenerational Work, this is where the elderly come in to help with mathematics, literacy etc. NT visited local dance group,The Ruthven Rollers, to gage local interest in this work. All interested parties are invited to come into the school on 13th March and NT to talk to them about the benefits of intergenerational work, but commitment is key to enable success. The pupils will in return give IT support and at present this type of work is very successful in Auchterarder.   
     
   Parent Evening  
     
   NT to have displays up in hall, along with leaflets and information on the progress of writing and maths. AB expressed a wish to see more on coding club and FG asked about the Mindful Mondays, relaxations and Zen Dens.   
     
   Bus Funding  
     
   NT asked if parent council would fund the bus for Creative Day of Dance, which would cost £140. All present agreed.  
     
   Summer Trip  
     
   NT had held back on booking the tickets for Awful Egyptians, tickets are £180, but will need bus paid for too. The total cost would be £480 and all present agreed that parent council would fund this.   
     
   Other funding  
     
   The fund raising tin is now back with the school, since the closure of the shop, however AB to ask if the Smiddy Haugh Pub would take this on for us.   
     
   NT advised that next year, the school will need to look at Digital Literacy and improving on resources. Teachers have been looking at skills that the pupils will require and have seen a big gap. NT would like to invest in a set of IPADS for the school. A requirement is to invest in a tablet that the staff can use to familiarise themselves with Apple Friendly devices. After xmas to look at supplying the class. In the current school assembly, a question was asked why pupils could not use their phones in class. NT to consider this for the future. Claire may be able to help with additional funding.  
     
   AB advised a bag pack with Tesco, FG to speak to AG as husband is a manager in Perth. (13th Feb – Since meeting NT has sent parent council information on funding from Tesco and DB to look at forms).  
     
   Class Change  
     
   Next year there will be 9-10 new P1s arriving and so the dynamics of the two classes will change. Class 1 will consist of P1-3 pupils and class 2 will consist of P4-P7. All present agreed this would be a good idea.   
     
   Head Teacher Drop In  
     
   A new drop in once a month has been set up, between 9.30-3.00pm, to enable parents to come in and speak to Head Teacher informally.

Notice Board  
  
FG expressed that no parent really looks at current notice board, as it is in the wrong place. NT to speak to janitor to look into moving the board to the front of the school.

1. **Summer Fair**Summer Fair date has been set for 1st June 2019, new parents will be advised on this by letter.
2. **Robin Bell & P7 Project**RB showed the parent council examples of the boards that he has created in the past that are currently shown at Gleneagles Train Station. All agreed that they would look good and would be an exciting project for the school and the village community. NT has said the council would be happy with this, as long as they had detailed plans of content. RB advised that he would fund 1 or 2 display cases and suggested a 2 phase plan, phase 1 being a draft to be shown at summer fair with a mixture of photos and text created by pupils at the school with the help of RB. AB to help edit the material and keep the information simple with good photos and brief text. RB listed the following topics that would be good possibilities:  
     
   a) Picts  
   b) Romans  
   c) St Catherine’s Kirk, Aberuthven  
   d) Normans  
   e) Reformations  
   f) Marquis of Montrose  
   g) Jacobite Burning of Strathearn  
   e) Smiddy Haugh – 18th Century change to Agriculture and Industry after Culloden.  
   f) Disruption of Church of Scotland  
   g) A9 Development  
   h) Rivers – Transportation.  
     
   NT advised that next step was to work with P7 & other pupils to gather information and that a proposal would need to go to council asap. AB to come to summer fair and bring panels to talk to community. AB & NT to meet end of March and AB to see where the Auchterarder Boards were purchased from.
3. **Next Parent Council Meeting**Next Meeting 15th April.
4. **Any Other Business**None was brought forward and meeting was closed.