



Airyhall School Parent Council



Meeting – 04 June 2019 Minutes - Approved

Chair: Victoria Oumarou

Secretary: vacant post

Treasurer: Stuart Young

<i>Parent Council (PC) Members Present</i>	Emma Davidson (ED); Eric Gilligan (EG); Jeanie Kennedy (JK); Jacqui McKenzie (JM); Victoria Oumarou (VO); April Schelbert (AS); Sarah Smith (SS); Stuart Young (SY).
<i>Staff Members Present</i>	Donna Polson, Acting HT (DP); Emma Currie, Acting DHT (EC); Leigh Houston, DHT (LH).
<i>Aberdeen City Councillors Present</i>	
<i>Apologies</i>	
<i>Minute-taker</i>	V. Oumarou

1	Welcome and apologies	The meeting was opened by the Chair at 6:35pm, who welcomed everybody and thanked them for their presence.	VO
2	Approval of Previous Minutes	Previous minutes approved by email. They can now be uploaded to the school website and Parent Council webpage on APCF site.	VO
3	Chair's Report end of year 2018-19	<p>3 main focus areas for Airyhall PC – parents here to help our children; close communication with school; working together for success. This year parental engagement, health & safety and Countesswells, and their impact on our young people, have continued to be key topics. School has continued to be an open, friendly and happy school, taking into consideration parents', pupils' and staff's views and feelings. We can see from data such as parent and pupil council surveys, our own observations and reports from our children, fellow parents and members of the community that our kids are happy and achieving. School continues to be well staffed, including during the ongoing secondment of Mrs Thomson; Miss Polson is keeping everything smooth and stable in her acting role and Parent Council are appreciative of all staff efforts in making Airyhall a happy, safe and productive school environment.</p> <p>Next year we look forward to Countesswells School moving to its new temporary location and opportunities to support colleagues and friends with this move, including collaborating with their new Parent Council. Within our own parent council we would like to increase parental engagement in learning and at our meetings, including by trying a change of days across the year, offering childcare and making communication clearer. Our meetings should continue to be enjoyable opportunities to meet with other parents, school staff and community members, with a shared goal of helping our children to be the best young people they can be.</p> <p>Thanks to everyone who has contributed to Parent Council this year. Our AGM will be in Term 1 2019-20.</p>	

4	Class Reps + AOB	<p>Fizzy drinks – those available in the canteen are sparkling water with fruit juice and are school compliant.</p> <p>Sports Day – maintain format as a mix of Potted Sports with some races. Parents role-modelling good sporting behaviour is a key factor to a successful and happy event for all. Thanks to PTA for funding the traditional ice-creams for the pupils.</p>	
5	Countesswells consultation	<p>Airyhall PC to submit a response to the Consultation document as a statutory consultee. Closing date for the consultation is 07 June. We agree with the proposals in the consultation, with 3 main points to be added –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The impact of the lack of nursery provision on Airyhall in-zone ante-pre-school children. - After-school clubs, after-school care – unclear what is happening, for example regarding buses - The impact on all learners’ needs from a lack of ASN provision, given the level of need in classrooms and the level of support available; this issue is of city-wide regard as well as at Countesswells. 	VO – complete and submit the consultation by the due date
6	Pupil Groups	<p>Fairtrade Group The Group will meet to gather up all their evidence as their submission for accreditation is due in September.</p> <p>Eco Group Eco Group went very well. Pupils wrote letters to companies asking about their water and energy usage and also their recycling habits. Hopefully we will get responses back from these letters soon. A number of pupils took part in Eco homework and the photos and results will be shown at Assembly this Friday. We have enlisted the help of the ‘Council Gardener’ Daniel Shand who has been helping with a number of projects. Pupils brainstormed ideas for additions to the garden and these have been installed. We have planted two apple trees, one planted by Countesswells as a leaving gift. We also have our school badge in flower, a bird table, bird bath, ladybird garden, sensory garden, climbing wall and we hope to have a working water butt installed too. We were fortunate to have some vouchers from the flowerbed competitions that helped us do all this. The pupils all worked very hard and took part in lots of Litter Picks too.</p> <p>We will be doing a litter pick in the local park on Monday which will be filmed for the Environmental Team’s Star Award entry. The It’s your neighbourhood award assessors will be coming to do their assessment on the 19th June. They will meet with the Eco Group.</p> <p>The Eco Group held an assembly on litter and sang their song to the tune of ‘Baby Shark’. Their slogans are, ‘Be Fantastic, Use Less Plastic’ and ‘Pick It Up’. They will also take part in the Glitter Pick with ACC on the 27th June. This is for their entry into the Clean Up Aberdeen competition.</p> <p>Two classes had winning entries in the ACC Flowerbed competition, and we will see these final beds planted outside Duthie Park in the summer.</p>	LH

		<p>Rights Respecting Group Gill Burnett will be taking responsibility for this group. They will be holding an assembly on the 21st June. Pupils also had sessions with the NCPCC for the Speak Out Programme. The Rights Respecting Group will be making and display about this. We have four pupils who are engaging with the Children’s Parliament team on the Imagineers project. They have been attending workshops on the priorities for ACC and will report back at the end of the year. This is an initiative that allows pupils to influence change at council level.</p> <p>All Pupil Groups We will be holding a Business Breakfast on the 3rd of July to thank all our business and community partners for all they do and to give them an idea of what we wish to achieve next year. The Pupil Groups will be presenting at this. It would be great to get one of the Parent Council members to come along. Participation in Nuart has been a great success this year.</p>	
7	Staffing	Class lists have been issued.	DP
8	Accounts	£1,331.06. Current balance all in order. New grant should come next year, around September to October. Donna Cuthill has approved using our budget to offer childcare at meetings; DP to look into staff availability for next term’s meetings.	SY DP
9	Information about Future Meetings	<p>Next session’s meeting dates= Term 1: Tuesday 10 September 2019; Term 2: Wednesday 20 November 2019; Term 3: Thursday 16 January 2020; Tuesday 10 March 2020; Term 4: Wednesday 13 May 2020; Thursday 18 June 2020.</p> <p>Meetings are held in the staffroom at Airyhall School and teas and coffees are available. Start time is 18:30 and finish is by 20:00 at the latest. You do not need to stay for the whole meeting and can drop in at times convenient to family schedules. If you would like to use the childcare service during the meeting, you must let us know in advance of the child/ren’s age/s, in order to make sure we have the correct provision available. Please contact us at pcairyhall@aberdeen.npfs.org.uk</p>	
	Meeting Closed	20:00 – with thanks to all.	