



Airyhall School Parent Council



Annual General Meeting – 10 September 2019 Minutes – Approved

Chair: Victoria Oumarou

Secretary: Eric Gilligan

Treasurer: Stuart Young

<i>Parent Council (PC) Members Present</i>	Emma Davidson (ED); Eric Gilligan (EG); 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>	N/A
<i>Apologies</i>	Jacqueline Allan (JA); Cllr Ian Yuill (IY).
<i>Minute-taker</i>	E. Gilligan

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	Election of Office Bearers	VO was re-elected chair, SY was re-elected Treasurer and EG was elected Secretary.	
4	Class Reps + AOB	It was noted that the Countesswells children had moved out to the new temporary accommodation outwith Airyhall pending completion of the new school. This had taken place successfully and the space within Airyhall was already being utilised as a computer suite. In that connection there was a move, supported by the PTA, to purchase a number of google chrome books and google tablets for use by the children with google drive being the focus of the activities allowing all children to safely access and store individual materials.	
5	Pupil Groups	<p>The reps for the pupil groups have been voted for and most groups have had their first meeting. This year we also have the Digital Leaders group.</p> <p><u>Pupil Council</u></p> <p>The Pupil Council have been looking at the new digital suggestions box and will be reminding pupils to post their suggestions. They will also be asking pupils to suggest authors and non-fiction titles for the library. At assembly, Pupils came up with a list of ideas for charities to promote this year and the Pupil Council tried to narrow down the list. All the pupil groups will vote on which charities they wish to promote.</p> <p><u>Eco Group</u></p>	

We have just been awarded our sixth Green Flag for Eco Schools and it is in the post as we speak. We were also visited by the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' judges before the holidays and were given and accreditation of 'Outstanding' for the second year in a row. We also represented the city in the 'Scotland in Bloom' awards during the summer showing the judges round the school garden, Slopefield Allotments and the flowerbed designs at Duthie Park.

The Eco Group will need to start another Environmental Review where they will decide on three new topics to work on for the next two years. Any suggestions would be welcomed.

Fairtrade Group

The Fairtrade group is in the middle of resubmitting their evidence for accreditation. Pupils are gathering all their evidence.

JRSO

The JRSO are reviewing the School Travel Plan. They will start by surveying pupils, parents and staff about school travel. They are organising Road Safety Week on the week beginning 30th September. They are thinking that they will promote safe parking around the school and remind people not to park in the school car park. They hope to work with Police Scotland again. They would like to ask the Parent Council some questions for the Travel Survey.

Digital Leaders

Digital Leaders will start this term, led by our Acting PT Mrs Jones. She will initially start with more training for Google Drive and Read Write Inc.

Rights Respecting Group

Term 1 focus will be a reminder of our rights and how they came about. Article 1 and 2. The Rights Respecting group have been busy reminding others and making sure that every class has a class charter. A class charter is a set of guidelines in every class that can be adapted as/when things happen. These guidelines are like rules but the idea being that everyone should have their rights met by following these steps within the charters. Every class charter is different and unique to their class. We are also focussing on Article 28 – right to an education, through themes of respect and appreciation for what we have and how lucky we are here at Airyhall.

Curricular Update

Pupils have been taking part in the topic 'Our Engineering World'. Primary 5-7 went to Techfest and really enjoyed the interactive workshops. We have an Engineering Week focus delivered by Live

		<p>Wire Productions which will deliver drama and science workshops to all classes.</p> <p>Week beginning 30th September will be Road Safety Week organised by the JRSO.</p> <p>In assemblies we have been focussing on SHANARRI and have found pupils have a very good understanding of the indicators.</p>	
6	Staffing	<p>Head Teacher, Alison Thomson has, following her secondment away from her HT role resigned to take up the position of National Improvement Framework Advisor with Education Scotland. The PC noted Mrs Thomson's very significant contribution to the success of the school and the sadness at her departure while wishing her well for her new role. Thanks were also due to DP who had been acting up as HT and would continue to do so in the meantime however it was noted that DP was not proposing to put herself forward as new permanent HT and that a recruitment exercise would require to be undertaken to fill the role. It was noted that the PC would have a role in that with the participant member to be confirmed in due course.</p>	
7	Accounts	<p>SY reported that the PC bank account was in credit in the sum of £1,031.06.</p>	
8	Information about Future Meetings	<p>Next meeting dates = 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.</p> <p>We continue to investigate Childcare options. If you would like to use a 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.</p> <p>Please contact us at pcairyhall@aberdeen.npfs.org.uk</p>	
	Meeting Closed	<p>20:00 – with thanks to all.</p>	