



Airyhall School Parent Council



Meeting – 12 September 2018 – Approved Minutes

Chair: Victoria Oumarou

Secretary: Ada Chrys-Chikere

Treasurer: Stuart Young

<i>Parent Council (PC) Members Present</i>	Stuart Young (SY); April Schelbert (AS); Jacqueline Allan (JA); Eric Gilligan (EG); Grazyna Gliwinska (GG); Victoria Oumarou (VO); Cllr Ian Yuill (IY).
<i>Staff Members Present</i>	Donna Polson (Acting Head Teacher) (DP); Leigh Houston (LH).
<i>Apologies</i>	Sarah Smith (SS); Jacqui McKenzie (JM); Jane Jensen (JJ); Cllr Gordon Townson (GT); Alison Thomson (Head Teacher) (AT).

	Welcome and apologies	The meeting was opened by the Chair at 6:35pm, who welcomed everybody and thanked them for their presence.	VO
	Approval of Previous Minutes	Previous minutes were approved by all.	VO
	Accounts	Balance moving forward from last year 17-18 £699.76. SY submitted audit on 06-07-18, enquired re response on 10.09.18, will continue to ensure check has been approved.	SY
	Staffing Update	School fully staffed. AT on secondment until December, DP acting up. Parent Council offered best wishes to both for these new opportunities. One PSA post currently advertised.	DP
1	Class Reps	DP to send out letters to get class reps ready for this new school year.	DP
2	School Improvement Priorities	DP shared details of SIP, focussed on literacy, numeracy and HWB. ASG working together on a promoting reading project, including the Academy. Numeracy resources to help all children, from high achieving to those who are struggling. HWB further developing progression, with particular focus on supporting mental health; emotion coaching will continue and there will be a new programme to support pupils dealing with loss. Learning for Sustainability and Eco working also continue. Parent Council can get involved in helping with Family Learning, such as how to use Numeracy. DP will email wider parent forum to organise a focus group on this. DP shared the new pupil HGIOS self-evaluation kit – How Good is OUR school? - and opened an invitation for parents to work with pupils to complete this. JA and AS volunteered to engage with this. DP will also contact parent volunteers in school.	DP JA AS LH
3	New Data Protection Regulation	EG has looked over sample APCF and ACC Data Protection Policies and will prepare a legally compliant privacy notice for Airyhall PC.	EG
4	Parent and Community Engagement	Website Communication: VO and AS will attend the forthcoming Parent Council training session on school websites.	VO AS
5	Update: Health and Safety> Traffic and Road Safety – Car Park, Slopefield and	Slopefield working well. P5 Open Afternoon this week – information to be clarified that parents can walk to the allotment with school party. Car park – AS updated that the Community Centre has had no response from the Council yet regarding car park issue.	AS LH IY

	Countesswells Road Crossing	LH raised issue concerning dangerous parking by parents on the Airyhall Drive zigzags; she is liaising with Scott MacColl and will update on plans. IY shared information about trial of instant parking fines for double-yellow parking in some school zones. IY advised that Dandara is still not forthcoming on installing the Countesswells Road crossing.	
6	Update: Countesswells Development	IY shared news of council planning designs for 4 new school buildings including Countesswells. Up to £7.5million is being spent on these designs.	IY
7	Update: Astroturf lighting	IY shared a Robertson's quote. Funding and sponsorship issues as school will need funding for basic items! Parent Council members agreed to continue to research funding possibilities and discuss at next meeting. IY shared a potential funding link, fundingscotland. AS shared reports that some parents are not happy with the state of the astroturf. DP noted that it is a 2G astroturf, which meets lots of different needs and may be different to other astroturf surfaces.	AT DL
8	News from NPFS & APCF	VO shared forthcoming meeting dates for APCF, ACC Termly Meetings and ACC ASN Parent Network, and will forward the written communication too.	VO
9	Christmas Fayre	JA happy to organise again. New elf outfits needed; SY to check Parent Council funding can be used for this and will liaise with JA. LH will contact Scott MacColl regarding Polar Bear. JA will liaise with parents regarding volunteers. The 2018 Fayre is on Saturday 24 November, 10:00-12:30.	JA SY LH
10	Update: Pupil Groups	Groups have just been formed for this year. First meetings this Friday. JRSO will be putting out banners. School is taking part in Hands Up Scotland exercise this week – transport to school survey. A positive ethos of safety and cycling continues at Airyhall. RRS – through families, playground charter. FairTrade – pupils will attend an event on a ferry to promote fair trade, at which they will be presenting as well. Eco Group – It's your Neighbourhood assessors visited recently; we received an Outstanding accreditation last year (1 of only 2 schools in Scotland); this year we received another Outstanding accreditation. The children were amazing! Also, pupils have taken part in representing the city in Britain in Bloom, even coming in in the holidays, and have hosted Council chiefs. They also took part in the Aberdeen in Bloom competition, the awards ceremony for that is next week. Following on from the letter the children wrote to the School Meals Service, pupils went to the Council Town House on Monday this week; the result is that straws will no longer be used in Council services. Our pupil groups have been nominated for a pupil group award. Great work and lovely that the children are seeing recognition for their efforts.	LH
	AOB	AS shared a view from parents, following the PTA fundraising Bingo Night, that they are shocked that PTA funds are being used on such items as glue sticks and stationery items. IY shared some funding statistics for the City allocation based on certain spending formula. Parents agreed that it is scandalous that Aberdeen schools are not in a position to supply basic resources for their schoolchildren.	

		AS shared a view from a parent that composite classes make a positive impact for their child.	
	Dates of Next Meetings	New session 2018-19 – all meetings on Wednesdays with 18:30 start, end before or by 20:00. AGM = 21/11/2018 Then = 16/01/2019, 13/03/2019, 15/05/2019, 19/06/2019.	
	Meeting Closed	20:15 – with thanks to all.	