



# Airyhall School Parent Council



Meeting – 30 January 2020 Minutes - Approved

**Chair:** Victoria Oumarou

**Secretary:** Eric Gilligan

**Treasurer:** Stuart Young

<i>Parent Council (PC) Members Present</i>	Arturo Aruenredola [AA]; Ruth Crawford [RC]; Emma Davidson (ED); Eric Gilligan (EG); Jacqui McKenzie (JM); Victoria Oumarou (VO); Sarah Smith (SS); Nacima Soufi [NS]; 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>	Jacqueline Allan (JA); April Schelbert (AS); Cllr Douglas Lumsden (DL).
<i>Minute-taker</i>	E. Gilligan

1	<b>Welcome and apologies</b>	The meeting was opened by the Chair at 6:35pm, who welcomed everyone and thanked them for their presence.	VO												
2	<b>Approval of Previous Minutes</b>	Previous minutes approved. They can now be uploaded to the school website and Parent Council webpage on APCF site.	VO												
3	<b>Accounts</b>	SY stated that the PC funds stood at £1362.36	SY												
4	<b>Staffing</b>	<p>DP stated that the advert for the Head Teacher position would go out next week. Training dates for those PC members who might wish to undertake the training required to participate in the recruitment process were noted to be as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Wednesday 5th February 20</td> <td>10.00am -12.00noon</td> <td>Marischal College</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday 12th March 20</td> <td>6.00pm - 8.00pm</td> <td>Harlaw Academy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Monday 11th May 20</td> <td>10.00am -12.00</td> <td>Marischal College</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Monday 8th June 20</td> <td>6.00pm - 8.00pm</td> <td>Harlaw Academy</td> </tr> </table> <p>It was hoped and anticipated that good applicants would be attracted to the role.</p> <p>Separately staffing challenges were anticipated in dealing with the new free nursery provision which was being introduced from August 2020 although DP understood that staffing plans were progressing along with the process of parents indicating what sort of provision, they were seeking from the options available. DP provided an update as to the current position and also to the changes to personnel in the school office.</p>	Wednesday 5th February 20	10.00am -12.00noon	Marischal College	Thursday 12th March 20	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Harlaw Academy	Monday 11th May 20	10.00am -12.00	Marischal College	Monday 8th June 20	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Harlaw Academy	
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	<b>New Nursery Provision</b>	DP shared information about the different Early Learning and Childcare options which launch next school session; there are lots of different models. Discussion followed around the impact of the new models on pupils, parents and staff. Feedback from nursery parents													

		highlighted that school staff were doing their best to clarify information despite there being lots of unknowns as yet.	
5	<b>Hazlehead Academy zoning</b>	There was a discussion about current zoning arrangements for Hazlehead Academy and the potential impact on Airyhall and all children. It was understood that the Countesswells development was currently zoned for Hazlehead Academy although on the ACC school zoning map it appeared that some may now become zoned for Bucksburn Academy. It was noted that people in the Deeside area were to be zoned for Broomhill Primary and Harlaw Academy although those who moved there before a certain date would retain the right to go to Airyhall/Hazlehead Academy. Those with concerns were encouraged to liaise with Mr Purdie, Head Teacher of H Academy and DP also undertook to speak to him about these matters.	
6	<b>School Improvement</b>	DP gave an update on current activities including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with dyslexia outreach service</li> <li>• Emotion works training for staff/assemblies/ ELSA activities to support children with emotional literacy</li> <li>• Life skills training including first aid training for P6/7, cooking and gardening activities</li> <li>• Plans to review and update School “vision and values” and to audit parents on that issue</li> <li>• Review and update of School Handbook.</li> </ul>	
7	<b>Class Reps + AOB</b>	Childcare provision at meetings – still no clear option. DP has shared information from the After School Club, VO to follow up on costs. VO to send out a parent survey to see if there is really the demand for this provision.  DP to ensure all light fittings are in safe working order.	
8	<b>Pupil Groups</b>	LH shared an email update of the activities of the various groups.  <b>Fairtrade</b> Fairtrade UK this year will be continuing to focus on cocoa and the special role women farmers play in the journey to living incomes, and sharing new stories and tools to get more people choosing Fairtrade chocolate. They travelled back to Côte d'Ivoire and Sierra Leone to meet some truly inspiring women who want their stories to be heard by the UK. This Fairtrade Fortnight School will use Fairtrade UK resources to share their stories and make the case for Fairtrade, using creative ways to do it...  Our Fairtrade group would like to see the following happen this year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Fairtrade Football Tournament: Gary will take ownership of creating fixtures. Children will be able to submit mixed teams (boy/girl) but should stick to children within their stage (not necessarily their class).</li> <li>• The opportunity to bake with Fairtrade products in class (but this is dependent on costings).</li> <li>• The Fairtrade Tuckshop (as chocolate is the focus this year it may be the Tuckshop Treat Trolley)</li> <li>• Dress in Fairtrade colours</li> </ul>	

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9	<b>Information about Future Meetings</b>	<p>Next meeting dates = Term 3: 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. 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. Please contact us at <a href="mailto:pcairyhall@aberdeen.npfs.org.uk">pcairyhall@aberdeen.npfs.org.uk</a></p>	
	<b>Meeting Closed</b>	20:00 – with thanks to all.	