

Minutes of first meeting of Culloden ASG Parent Councils

18th January 2016

7pm Culloden Academy Staffroom

<p>Present: Balloch - Andrew Cobban, Pip Sharp, Rebecca Huxtable-Smith Cradlehall - Peter Kelly, Martin Johnson Smithton - Judith Anderson Culloden Academy PC- Liz Green, Gillian Spalding Culloden Academy Staff - James Vance (Rector), Vikki Forrester (Transition)</p> <p>Apologies: Croy Culloden Academy – Jill Robertson</p> <p>No contact: Ardersier, Duncan Forbes</p>		
		Action
Transition	<p>This topic chosen for first meeting as it is an aspect of HGIOS (How Good Is Our School) 4 where parental involvement is considered important. HGIOS 4 will form the basis of school inspections from summer 2017.</p> <p>Vikki outlined arrangements in place and planned for transition of current P7 pupils.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following feedback, class lists will be available earlier than previously to allow primaries to feedback any concerns prior to transition days in June (21st-23rd). • Ceilidh for all P7's at Culloden to be arranged in next few weeks, they will also be invited to a dress rehearsal of 'We Will Rock You' musical. • P7 Parents (and pupils if they wish) information evening on 13th April. • Social Subjects teachers, Guidance teachers and school librarian will be visiting primaries to develop some familiarity before P7s have their 3 day visit to Culloden Academy in June. • Culloden Academy will attend Child's Plan meetings for children with ASN level 3 and 4 in P7. <p>Concerns were raised around previous experiences of late issue of class lists and enhanced transition. Concern also raised around availability of vegetarian meals.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Culloden Pupil Council be approached as to any comments they have around transition.</p>	Vikki
Budget Cuts	<p>The exact budget cut is as yet unknown. Possible options were discussed.</p> <p>Cuts to SFL and PSA support - consensus that this should be maintained and should be a high priority for Parent Councils.</p> <p>Increase in P1-3 hours to 25hr/wk- letter to Angela Constance, Education Minister, has been drafted by Highland Parent Council Partnership (HPCP) and will be circulated for comments before submission on Friday 22nd Jan.</p> <p>4.5 day week - Culloden Academy will not be making any changes to current school hours before August 2017, the current 33 period school week is the most efficient use of teacher time.</p> <p>P1-3 free school meals - as this is set in legislation no action is possible.</p> <p>Amalgamation of smaller schools - although an issue for many this does not affect Culloden ASG.</p>	All
Issues to take forward	<p><i>Communication</i> - consensus that more effective communication with wider parent forum is an issue, Smithton has a Facebook page for parent forum and for council members along with a social media policy - generally this has been a positive experience. Balloch has Facebook page for parent forum and developing social media policy. Culloden Academy considering Facebook page.</p> <p><i>Chromebooks</i> - these will be rolled out to all pupils from P6 up by August 2017, parental responsibilities around these are unclear as yet.</p> <p><i>G-mail accounts</i> – most primary PCs need reminder of passwords for the g-mail Highland PC group account which can be used for communication within the ASG and to all other highland</p>	Liz

	school PCs. <i>Collaboration</i> - suggestion that this meeting be a forum for discussion around possible collaboration, eg sharing bus transport, school trips, fundraising.	
Next meeting	Agreed to meet termly for now, at Culloden with a rotating Chair. Issues agreed to be discussed at next meeting: Engaging with parent forum and sharing fundraising ideas Next meeting Monday 25th April 7pm Culloden Academy Staff Room	