

Culloden Academy Parent Council Minutes

8th November 2017

Staff room

7pm

Agenda Item		Action
1 Welcome and apologies	Present: Dr Vance, Tony Gilfeather, Kerry Challinor, Liz Green, Helen Macdonald, Karen Dowling, Ellen Crawford, Lisa Thomson, John West.	
	Apologies: Evelyn Gray	
2 Previous minutes and matters arising	Minutes from May agreed by Liz and seconded by Helen. No matters arising	
3 School Report Dr Vance	<p>Online Booking System – The school will be trialling a new online booking system for the S1 parents evening. This should make booking appointments easier for parents and the school.</p> <p>Poppy Cascade – Dr Vance wanted to thank the community for all their poppy donations and support. The display will stay up until the end of the month to allow people to come see how it has all come together. The school held a special opening ceremony for armed forces personnel and their families which was a great success.</p> <p>SQA – There has been some changes to the approach used by the SQA. Dr Vance feels that there are many good points in this, with some points needing further clarification. If anyone would like to discuss this further Dr Vance is happy to do so.</p> <p>Consultation Questionnaire – Dr Vance shared a questionnaire from the government’s proposed Education (Scotland) Bill on empowering schools and strengthening the role of the parents. He advised the meeting that it was possible to answer only the questions that were relevant to the parent council. Through discussions it was agreed that a forum should be put together to discuss and help complete the questionnaire, as many felt that this was a very complex questionnaire to complete. Dr Vance agreed to attend the meeting so he could answer any questions if required. The meeting will be held on 27th November at 18:30pm. Tony is going to send an email around with the date and time. He will also attach the questionnaire for anyone who may wish to submit this individually.</p> <p>New Database - Dr Vance wanted to thank everyone for their all their responses and help in creating the new database. He hopes to have a similar response when asking for volunteers to help with web design. Tony will send an email round asking for volunteers to help take this project forwards.</p> <p>Annual Staffing – The school role has dropped due to more children leaving at the end of 4th and 5th year than expected. Dr Vance assured the meeting he will do everything he can to keep the teachers he already has.</p>	<p>TG</p> <p>TG</p>
4 Treasurers report	Carol has stepped down from her post as treasurer with immediate effect. Lisa Thomson agreed to take on this role.	LT

<p>5 Chair Report Tony Gilfeather</p>	<p>Chamber of Commerce – This event is set to be well attended with over 40 exhibitors. Dr Vance advised that some teachers are keen to come along and get involved with their department and this was greatly received. Posters have been displayed and Dr Vance advised that all secondary schools have been notified, as far north as Tain. There will be a bag drop on Monday 13th November and assemblies will be held to make pupils aware of the event. It was agreed that this will target all year groups. Pupils will be provided with some suggested questions to help them as they speak to exhibitors. An e-mail will be sent round asking for help on the night, and baking and teas and coffees will be made available.</p> <p>Burns Night – Tony showed everyone his plan for the proposed layout on the night. He also explained how the tables were numbered. A spreadsheet will be created to record the ticket sales. Some members took tickets with them to sell. If they need more they should contact Tony. Tony advised that the circular tables will seat 8, with rectangular tables sitting 6. There is a pupil in S3 who is keen to get involved with staging on the night. Tony is going to speak to him to see if lighting will be required for the band. The previous format was discussed. It was agreed that we should continue to use this format and keep the event fairly light hearted. John West informed the meeting that Ramsay McGee will be the MC for the evening and will also do the address to the haggis. He also advised that Keith from the Rotary would be happy to do the immortal memory. It was agreed that this should be kept light hearted. Speakers will need to be informed of the times that they have allocated for speaking to ensure it runs smoothly. The bar will be located at the theatre entrance. Raffle donations were discussed and Kerry will follow this up. It was agreed that Tony and Kerry will make a list of what still needs to be done to be shared with everyone. Hall will be booked until 12am to ensure there is time for clearing up at the end of the evening.</p> <p>Embrace Viewing – It was agreed that the first viewing will take place in February either before or just after the February break. Dates will be looked into and finalised as soon as possible. This will be open to all ages, both girls and boys. This first showing will be donations, with future showing opened up to the wider community as part of a fundraiser.</p>	<p>TG, LG, GS, KC, HM</p> <p>TG, KC</p> <p>TG, KC</p>
<p>6 Fundraising Target</p>	<p>Ideas were discussed for possible fundraising targets for the school. It was suggested that the money could be used towards more lockers. Dr Vance informed the meeting that this had been looked at in the past. Due to Health & Safety there is currently not suitable space for extra lockers to go. Another suggestion was purchasing a power bank for chrome books. It was agreed that this may be an option but this is something that will need to be looked at in more depth when the chrome books are introduced. In the meantime fundraising at will be used towards the cost of transport on school outings/trips. All children will benefit from this.</p>	
<p>7 AOCB</p>	<p>Listen Well Scotland – John West shared a leaflet with the meeting from a charity in Nairn Listen Well Scotland. He felt that this may be something that may be of interest in the future.</p> <p>Highland Games Reloaded. – A meeting will be arranged to make a</p>	<p>KC</p>

	<p>final decision as to whether this will go ahead in 2018.</p> <p>Community buses – Tony advised the meeting that there was a fleet of 4 mini buses to service Nairn, Ardersier and Croy. Drivers are volunteers so notice would need to be given. There is an annual membership fee of £20, and mileage is then payable during any use. It was agreed that Tony would attempt to make provision for this service prior to the careers events.</p>	TG
Next Meeting	<p>Monday 29th January 2018 19:00 in school staffroom All welcome</p>	