

Culloden Academy Parent Council Minutes

29th January 2018

Staff room

7pm

Agenda Item		Action
1 Welcome and apologies	<p>Present: Jenny Urquhart, Evelyn Gray, Kerry Challinor, Tony Gilfeather, John McKillop, Gillian Spalding, Lisa Thomson, Jane Gill, Councillor Trish Robertson, Gordon Cummings, Alison Cummings</p> <p>Apologies: Dr Vance, Liz Green, Martyn Crawshaw Helen Macdonald, Karen Dowling Liz and Helen also advised of their resignation from CAPC. Members present representative of all year groups except S5.</p>	
2 Previous minutes and matters arising	Minutes from November agreed by Tony and Kerry	
3 Headteachers report - Jenny Urquhart	<p>1 Staffing - 3 posts were advertised to cover recent departures. Interviews have been arranged for the Technical and Drama posts; however, there was only one applicant for Mr Weafer's post who will not be interviewed. That post will be re-advertised asap and cover will be arranged accordingly.</p> <p>2 Dr Vance expresses his thanks for the faith the Parent Council has shown in the school in the recent meetings around comments to The Scottish Government regarding the proposed Education Governance Act. This faith has not been replicated across the Highlands, as evident in the Highland wide parental submission - http://www.highlandpcp.org.uk/hpcp-response-to-the-education-scotland-bill-consultation-empowering-schools/</p> <p>3 Budgets - this is definitely going to be very challenging this year. Dr Vance is working hard to ensure concerns are voiced; he has made representations to both Jim Stevens and Bill Alexander and has also contacted local councillors with his concerns. Financial cuts would have significant effects on the school, adding further strain to the task of keeping the curriculum afloat. Dr Vance will attend The Highland Council budget meeting on Feb. 15th.</p> <p>4 School update - this is a busy term for the junior school with course choices and for the senior school with exams. Following significant work in the school in November around respect and sexual harassment the school has noticed an increase in the use by pupils of the support available through year heads and guidance teachers.</p>	
4 Treasurers report	Expenses have yet to be finalised for the recent Burns Supper. Current balance is £4603.96	
6 Embrace event	<p>This event is planned for Friday 23rd February @ 7pm in the school theatre. The licence for this acclaimed film has been purchased by CAPC. Those present discussed the logistics of the event and a smaller group will meet again on Thursday 8th Feb @ 6pm in Starbucks. Posters will be displayed around Inverness as the event is for everyone interested. The event will be free although tickets will be booked through CAPC. Capacity of theatre unknown, need to find out.</p> <p>More info @ https://bodyimagemovement.com/embrace/</p>	<p>All - see planning sheet (Gillian to compile)</p> <p>Jenny Urquhart</p>
7 Community bus	This remains an option for people travelling to school events from the east, CAPC will be invoiced every 3 months for any use.	
8 School show	There is still some availability to sell teas and coffees at the school show in June and it was agreed this would be a useful fundraiser. Detail to be planned at next meeting.	

<p>9 The Highland Council - parental involvement</p>	<p>Relief was expressed that the recent proposed ASN cuts had been withdrawn.</p> <p>Liz and Tony recently attended a meeting of the Highland Parent Council Partnership to add the comments from Culloden Academy parents to the Highland wide parental submission regarding the Education Governance Act - link above. The CAPC response is available through the school website.</p>	
<p>AOB</p>	<p>1 A huge thanks was expressed by everyone for the contribution to CAPC by Liz Green during her period as Chair. Jenny Urquhart, Depute Rector, expressed her thanks for the great support Liz has given the school.</p> <p>2 Councillor Trish Robertson suggested CAPC be represented on the community liaison group for the Stratton Development which is due to start imminently. First meeting 6th Feb. 7.30pm @Smithton Free Church.</p> <p>3 A suggestion of a practical course of basic life skills for those leaving school was suggested as another school offer this. The school will investigate and consider this.</p>	<p>Gillian and Alison to attend</p> <p>Jenny Urquhart</p>
<p>Next meeting</p>	<p>Wednesday 16th May</p> <p>7pm</p> <p>School Staffroom</p>	