

Culloden Academy Parent Council- AGM, Virtual Meeting

21st September 2020

Agenda Item		Action
<p>1. Welcome and apologies</p> <p>2. Previous Minutes</p> <p>3/Election of Office Bearers</p>	<p>Present: , Duncan McDonald Chair, Dr James Vance Rector, Neil Hillyard, Councillor Trish Robertson. Evelyn Grey, Lisa Thomson, Morag Beattie, Samantha Scott, Pip Sharp, Alyson Hill, Wendy Mackay and Cath Burn</p> <p>Apologies: Karen Daly Previous minutes accepted by Neil Hillyard and Cath Burn</p> <p>Chair- Duncan McDonald proposed by Dr J Vance and seconded by Evelyn Grey Deputy Chair- Jeni Alexander Proposed by Duncan McDonald Seconded by Lisa Thomson Treasurer- Lisa Thomson proposed by Duncan McDonald seconded by Jeni Alexander Secretary- Ally Hill – Proposed Duncan McDonald Seconded – Lisa Thomson</p> <p>Ordinary Members- Evelyn Gray, Neil Hillyard and Morag Beattie</p>	

4/Head Teacher report

1) **Overview of the term.** It has been challenging- staff cleaning tables and chairs, having to leave the building 30 minutes- now 1 hr after the end of the day- and that anxiety that simply lingers about our health, the health of family and friends. The restrictions have definitely taken something out of the life of the school but you see that in town, in Tesco or on a train so taken in context- we are fine. Classes have settled well and worked hard- the double blocks idea was whole-heartedly endorsed by HSE and has now been adopted by some of our neighbouring schools. I think it has made the school a calmer place. 3 staff cleaning for 1.5 hours in the middle of the day is the only additional staffing we have received so far to support our work but today I submitted a bid on behalf of the ASG which should see some extra teaching time for all primary schools and a little for us to support young people who struggled to engage during lockdown. The mask issue seems to be in hand- we have a very small reserve stock and pupils on the whole are accepting of their responsibility.

2) **Staffing.** New DHT appointed and will start on Thursday 5th November. New PT English appointed and will start after the October holidays. This is good news as I can retire from PT English and then become my own Deputy for two weeks until Ian starts. New 0.4FTE Music teacher appointed and she starts next week. Along with Mr Johnstone, Mrs Hardwick retires in October- advert goes live tomorrow I believe. Our science Technician- Dr Zycinski is also

	<p>leaving us after the holidays and I also hope that her advert is going out tomorrow.</p> <p>3) School Calendar. HC took the decision that schools were not allowed to discuss and finalise their calendars because they wanted time to re-imagine the whole process. This changed in early September to us having time to re-imagine the whole contractual hours/meetings/reporting situation. I met a few times with Union reps and other interested individuals and we have a draft calendar that now needs to go out for a vote. As soon as it is finalised it will be published but for now some of the highlights are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Get reports for S2 and S1 before Christmas• Get tracking reports for S4-6 out before Christmas• We are very unpersuaded about the merits of online Parents evenings for the following reasons. They depend on Technology working smoothly for all staff and parents simultaneously and on a portal which Highland Council might not be able to host. It runs the risk of alienating parents who are not so digitally confident. There are issues about staff and parents seeing into each other's houses, potential data charges/confidentiality/recording issues etc. We have already moved the	
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	<p>Parents' Evenings and Reports to different points in the year and if we decide not to proceed with them a second report will be issued to parents. We also have a plan involving senior pupils to provide the Choice of Course information in a different way.</p> <p>4) SQA. A further delay in them announcing their grand plan to make assessing pupil performance easier makes it ever less significant. I'll get some idea of the landscape when I represent Highland in a meeting with SQA on Wednesday.</p>	
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<p>4.Treasurer's report</p>	<p>The Bank balance at the time of the AGM is £2,333.84. It had been agreed at the previous CAPC meeting on Wednesday 17th February that £2,000 would be allocated to the school and that Dr Vance would let us know at the next meeting what the funds would go towards after several suggestions from the Committee, staff and pupils. This never happened due to the pandemic and the next meeting in 2020 had been cancelled as the school was closed during 'lock down'. It was discussed again with Dr Vance at the AGM and Dr Vance said he would now really appreciate the funds be used to replenish the supply of face coverings as the supply from Highland Council had been exhausted. £2,000 will be transferred to the school for this purpose.CAPC will be applying for funding from Highland Council.Last year this funding was £750.37 and we anticipate this years allocation to be similar. As there are no other funds available we may need to consider virtual fund raising to allow us to support the school</p>	
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<p>5/Chair's report</p>	<p>1/The Parent Council would like to thank Dr Vance and all his team for all the hard work that they have done to enable the pupils to get back to school in a safe way.</p> <p>2/ A further thanks to Dr Vance for allowing Jeni Alexander and Duncan McDonald to be involved in the selection process for the vacant position of Depute Rector. The successful candidate Mr Ian Weafer made an exceptional presentation and should prove to be a great addition to the school management team</p>	<p>DM to arrange a meeting with new office bearers</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>AOCB</p>	
<p>7. Dates of future meetings</p>	<p>To be arranged</p>	