

Culloden Academy Parent Council Meeting 30th August 2022, 7pm			
#	Item		Action
1	Welcome	<p>Present: Jeni Alexander - Chair Ally Hill - Secretary Dr James Vance - CA Head Teacher</p> <p>Sam Scott, Carol MacLennan, Lesley Henderson, Kirsten Petrie, Andrew Coban, Peter MacDonald, Marcia Pottie, Catherine Bunn, Angela Grant, Deborah Marshall, Elaine MacRae, Will MacRae, Nicki MacKenzie, Gaener Roger, Gillian Spalding, Lexie MacKay, (HLH - Youth Development Officer), Trish Robertson (Councillor), Morven Reid (Councillor), Glynis Sinclair (Councillor)</p> <p>JA welcomed everyone to the meeting and all attendee introduced themselves to each other.</p>	
	Apologies	Karen Daly, Duncan MacDonald	
2	Previous Minutes	<p>Previous meeting minutes for 17.05.2022 were presented by Ally Hill. Approved by Catherine Bunn and Seconded by Andrew Coban.</p>	
3	AGM	<p>Jeni Alexander, the election of new office bearers to CAPC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson, Jeni Alexander continue in position Proposed by Catherine Bunn, Seconded by Lesley Henderson • Deputy Chair, no nomination at present position open • Treasurer, no nomination at present position open • Secretary, Ally Hill continue in position Proposed by Jeni Alexander, Seconded by Kirsten Petrie • Ordinary Members - Lesley Henderson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peter MacDonald - Angela Grant - Deborah Marshall - Andrew Coban - Catherine Bunn - Kirsten Petrie - Gillian Spalding 	

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4	Headteachers Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Building works- a very successful summer with work in ASN, Tech and PE now all completed alongside the establishment of 7 further classrooms. Work continues on the playing pitch as the turf has struggled with the recent heat. The Estates Team are aware and monitoring. 2. School Improvement Plan- early last session I started researching what successful schools and local authorities prioritise in order to maximise attainment and achievement for young people. At the end of my research I had a large array of principles and practices which I pulled together under 6 headings. These headings are Pedagogy, Ethos, Parents and Partnerships, Curriculum and Assessment, Teacher Professionalism and Performance Information. These will be our priority areas for development over the next three years. It makes no sense to attempt to cover all 6 and so we have prioritised each one over the 3 years with the amount of time given in staff meetings and in-service days changing accordingly. This session our high priority areas are Pedagogy and Ethos and our medium priority areas are curriculum and performance information. Staff have reacted very positively to this rationalisation and initial meetings have been very productive. 3. PPR- slight tweak to ensure pupils are aware of where they are in the system and have an opportunity to get involved in finding a solution. A week of assemblies to set it in context about a right to education, a right to dignity and a right to have a say in solutions when a young person is communicating that there is a problem with their learning. 	
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. New staff- settling in well, new Guidance system feels a lot more workable. 5. How did Culloden do in exams? The first thing that struck me was that there were many more As- the best example is N5 English who went from having approximately 40As per session to 65 this year. Based on where pupils were in the 2021 diet, and on the disrupted nature of the last year, we think our young people have done well. Departments submitting initial analysis to me ahead of release of national analysis 6. How are the S1 settling in? Making a very good first impression 7. How is the school uniform going? Well and challenging pupils about it/ using it for access to the Christmas Dances starts this week. 8. Are any trips happening this term? Drama, PE that I know of so far. We are taking all opportunities. 9. Achieve- mentioned very favourably by pupils and we have the license again for this session so thank you. 	
	Questions to Dr Vance	School wear - group discussion regarding issues with school uniform jumper supplier, cost, delivery charges etc. Agreed to be an agenda item and discussed further at the next parent council meeting.	

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4	Questions to Dr Vance	<p>GR - Is the John Muir Trust & Duke of Edinburgh Awards happening this year at CA?</p> <p>JV - The Duke of Edinburgh awards is always volunteer lead and is not part of anyone's job, the leader has recently stepped down due to family commitments. Currently seeking a new leader from within the staff who recently joined the school. Keen to bring it back as we have a lot of the equipment, will provide update at our next meeting.</p>	
		<p>LH - after our last tour I noticed no recycling bins, have they been installed.</p> <p>JV - We do have recycle bins but the issue is that everything is put in them and then the janitors have to sort through it. Looking to get a group of young people to get behind this to make it work properly.</p>	
		<p>AH - Children mentioned that CA working towards silver award.</p> <p>JV - Yes we achieved the Bronze Rights Respecting school award last year and we are currently working towards the silver award this year and will try to push for the gold award next year.</p>	
5	Treasurers Report	<p>No transaction since our last meeting:</p> <p>The Bank Balance as at 30.08.2022 = 1256 pounds</p>	
6	Chair's Report	<p>Jeni Alexander</p> <p>Nothing to report tonight</p>	
7	Stakeholder Group update - Culloden Academy Extension	<p>Jeni Alexander</p> <p>No update, the next stakeholder meeting is on Thursday 1st September 2022. We have requested the meeting minutes from January 2022 but still have not received any, we have requested an update, have not received it.</p> <p>AH feels the stakeholder meeting is a tick box exercise for THC, continual delays with no consultation. It should not be us as parents who are having to fight for the quality of school building our children are educated in, it is THC responsibility.</p> <p>CAPC & CC wrote to Donna Manson on 27 May 2022, response was vague and not a full comprehensive report which we were told we would receive.</p> <p>GS reassured us she is consistently pushing for CA and not to become dependent with the stakeholder group.</p> <p>Peter MacDonald agreed to attend the stakeholder meeting as JA is unable.</p>	
8	AOCB	Date of next meeting - to be confirmed	