

CULTS PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Monday 14th March 7-9pm

Staff Room, Cults Primary School

Attendees:

Rachel Soplantila, Chair (RS); Sonya Angus, Vice Chair (SA), Louisa Dunn (LD); Pamela Dagleish (PD); Caroline Johnstone, Head Teacher (CJ); Morven McKay, Depute Head (MM); Julie Anderson (JA); Laura Haxton (LH) Katharine Haque (KH) Minutes),

Apologies:

Phillippa Smith; Helen Kennedy; Tiana Walker; Hannah Mearns; Julie Simpson; David McLure; Vannin Bloch; Denise McDougall; Marie Gilbert; Shona Robertson.

Agenda items	Updates and discussions	Action
1.a	<u>Welcome and Apologies</u>	RS
1.b	<u>Previous Minutes Review and agree/accept.</u>	All PD
2.	<p><u>The New School Meals Ordering System: Bruce Reid from Aberdeen City Council.</u></p> <p>Bruce Reid demonstrated the new cashless ordering system for School meals being rolled out across Aberdeen City Schools.</p> <p>It is currently anticipated that the system will be introduced to Cults Primary in May (subject to system stress testing). The system will work as follows:</p> <p>All pupils will receive a card (similar to an Accord card) to be retained at school.</p> <p>Each morning the child swipes the card on the smart reader in class and makes their selection for lunch. If a mistake is made, the child can cancel order and make a different selection.</p> <p>The system recognises dietary requirements and only displays options pertaining to each child. Cards are swiped again in the dining hall to confirm the lunch choice before meals are collected.</p> <p>P4 to P7 parents can "load" cards online up to a maximum of £80.00 and will receive balance reminders. Meals remain free for P1-P3.</p> <p>The benefits of the new system are that it eliminates waste (estimated £300K savings per annum for ACC) and makes the dinner process quicker.</p> <p>Two weeks prior to the system going live parents will receive information packs and the Council's introductory video will be linked to the School website.</p> <p>Any children with remaining paper tickets after the start of the new system can have their value transferred to the card.</p>	BR
3.	<p><u>Proposed adoption of a house system: Sonya Angus</u></p> <p>Research was presented to further the discussion on adopting a house system. Benefits to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation of a school family Cross year learning Reinforce positive behaviour Useful for sports day, fund raising or school challenges <p>CJ confirmed that the school staff are in favour of implementation of a House System.</p> <p>CJ explained that further work was needed to ensure there was a clear purpose and that any system would link to the existing behaviour policy but focus on rewarding behaviour out of class.</p> <p>The Pupil council are to be charged with exploring issue further with implementation planned for Summer 2016.</p>	SA

4.	<p><u>Head teacher report including National Improvement Framework / ACC improvement priorities and priorities for our school: Caroline Johnstone:</u></p> <p>Please see attached presentation.</p>	CJ
5.	<p><u>Travel Safe Team and Grounds Update: Rachel Soplantila</u></p> <p><u>Travel Safe</u> The Zebra crossing at the top of Quarry Road has been completed making it much safer for children crossing at the busy junction. Following the map exercise, which identified 3 safe walking routes and now includes the crossing, ACC will be able to support the installation of footprints on the pavements to clarify these pathways to school. The walking routes identified were from the Abbotshall area of Cults; from the junction of Baillieswells Road and Cairnlee Terrace and from the bottom of Quarry Road through the new zebra crossing. While the majority of people have welcomed and abided by the Travel Safe Rules there still remains a minority who continue to park inappropriately or misuse Staff car park/disabled spaces.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Update: There will be a meeting after the Easter Holidays to try to find solutions to persistent problems with driving and parking. Any parents who is interested in supporting the children’s safe journeys to school is very welcome to attend. The date and time will be confirmed very soon.</p> </div> <p><u>Grounds Team</u> Currently awaiting the results from Tesco Bags of Help. The School could be awarded between £8K, £10K or £12k to aid the drainage of the field and creation of a more inclusive outdoor space. The PTA have kindly confirmed that the funds from the Summer Fair will go to the Mud No More campaign. The team is to look at other sources of funding to meet objectives.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Update: Thank you very much to everyone who helped and voted in Tesco. £8k will be awarded to the Mud no More campaign. This is a very welcome start but to create the paths, the sensory garden and to resolve the drainage problems we will need a lot more support. The Summer Fair this year will be rebranded as the mud No More Summer Fair and your help and support here will be hugely appreciated.</p> </div>	RS
6.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Request for information regarding the teaching of languages, especially French. This was covered within the Head Teacher report. 	CJ/ALL
11	<p><u>DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p><u>Dates of the next PC meetings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 9th May 7-9pm 2016. Monday 20th June 7-9pm 2016 <p>Any parent of a child at Cults Primary/ Nursery is very welcome to attend any Parent Council meeting. (The Parent Council can be emailed at PCCultsPrimary@aberdeencity.gov.uk)</p>	