

CULTS PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 28th May 2018 7-9pm

Red Unit, Cults Primary School

Attendees:

Rachel Gill, Marie Masson, Alessandra D'Alessandria de Bone, Nicola Butler, Michelle Barber, Cathryn Peach, Tiana Walker, Julie Anderson, Sarah Essan, Nancy Anderson, Alison Murray, Maresh Takar, Mark Raistrick, Steph Sharp, Gayle Allan, Jordan Thompson, Yee Chin Tang

Jordan Thomson, Caroline Johnstone, Morven McKay

Apologies:

Item	Updates and discussions	Action
1.	Welcome and Apologies Alana Cheyne, Andrew Hunt, Nichola Watson, Nathalie Shand	
2.	Previous minutes were approved	

<p>3</p>	<p><u>Updates on last minutes actions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grounds and path lighting - continue to raise this with Abdn City Council (ACC). Andrew Jones (Assets & Finance Services Manager, ACC) invited to attend next Parent Council meeting to update on this & rezoning. UPDATE - A Jones will be attending November's meeting. • Further update provided on the walking bus. 2 routes running so far. Potential to expand to Bailleswells. • Travel tracker discussion & update • Mural on gym wall. We have had a kind offer of labour to paint walls and railings providing we can supply paint. <p><u>Head Teacher Update (Morven McKay)</u> Caroline Johnstone attended the meeting to say farewell. Caroline has accepted a permanent post as Quality Improvement Manager within Aberdeen City Council. Morven McKay will continue to lead the school as Acting Head Teacher, until the Head Teacher post is advertised and filled.</p> <p><u>School Improvement Plan</u> Timing of this has shifted by 6 month. 4 priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Attainment in Literacy and Numeracy</i> • <i>Health and Wellbeing (The Parent Council are working with the Senior management Team to develop a curriculum evening for parents on health and wellbeing in the classroom)</i> • <i>Closing the Gap (Pupil Equity Funding - PEF)</i> These funds, currently amounting to £27,000 are available to the school to provide additional support to specific pupils, although the result of the spending will have benefits across the school community. The school needs to provide evidence of what the funds have been spent on and track progress in targeting pupils most in need. Emerging plans include one teaching staff member (0.25FTE) and two PSAs delivering alternative curriculum and taking advantage of the outdoors in the vicinity of the school e.g. the woods. Potentially looking at developing a resource library to include resilience book called 'Bounce Back'. • <i>Developing the young workforce.</i> Just starting this initiative, beginning explicit conversations in classrooms about relevance of curriculum to the workplace and life outside school. <p>New benchmarks from the Scottish Government has led to a revision in assessment resources</p>	<p>KS email. A Jones invited to attend.</p> <p>WB Team to take forward.</p> <p>MM update next meeting</p> <p>KS purchase materials.</p> <p>Info</p> <p>PC & SMT</p>
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	<p><u>Staffing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing: the school currently has a full complement of staff; • Two teachers are returning from maternity leave, while one is commencing maternity leave, and the school will have two probationers. Staffing for all 22 classes. All acting posts come to an end 5th July, expected to be renewed until advertised as permanent positions and filled <p><u>School Roll 2019/20</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P1 Intake: at present there are 70 children starting p1, 3 classes, smaller numbers than last session. Changes possible until 5th July when submissions close. • For information all beginning P1s in zone are offered a place • The school is capped at 22 classes so refusal for non P1 incoming pupils is possible <p><u>Summer Works:</u></p> <p>Using funds from the builders as part of the planning conditions the following works will be undertaken this summer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon 8th July building works will commence to renovate the AV rooms in each of the units (Red, Green, Blue): repainted, new storage, new floors and new lighting • The school will send out an email to ask for parent helpers to help pack these rooms at the end of term. • A new hygiene room will be installed with changing facilities including a wet room and electric bed • Works will also include putting in a new staff toilets and conversion of the current staff toilets into more accessible toilets • The roof on the red unit will be also be replaced, if this work continues into the new term there will be careful control of access to the site to ensure pupil safety. <p>3. <u>Learning at Home Links: improving links between home and school</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Gayle Allan (Acting Principle Teacher) showed a mock up of the Learning at Home google site as a way of sharing learning with parents. Attendees looked through the mock site on Chromebooks and discussed its potential. This has the potential to become a significant learning resource • The mock up had homework guides, links to google classroom and links to free educational resources • The PC discussed how the website might be made available and noted that it will be easier to update and separate from the school's public website • Following extensive discussion with the school management team PC members were asked to volunteer to be part of a focus group to help take forward the content of the Learning at Home site. If you would like to be part of this focus group please contact the PC at pccultsprimary@aberdeen.npfs.org.uk 	<p>Info</p> <p>Info</p> <p>Info</p> <p>PC members & GA to take forward.</p>
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	<p>4. <u>Curriculum Information Sharing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following discussion on different areas of the curriculum it was agreed that the first curriculum area to be shared will be Health & Wellbeing. Ms. McKay asked the parent council what they would like to know about the Health & Wellbeing curriculum? And how the committee felt parents would like the seminar to run? This generated significant discussion. • The Shanarri wheel and ‘My World’ triangle two resources that the pupils currently used were discussed • PC members volunteered to be involved in a short-term working group to help inform the content /numbers/style of the H&WB parent information sharing event • Potential links to the learning at home site were also discussed • Please contact the PC at pccultsprimary@aberdeen.npfs.org.uk if you would like to be involved in a short term working group tasked with taking these forward. <p>5. <u>AOB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P1 induction Wednesday 26th June 2pm. Parent volunteers requested to help welcome new parents. • Suggestion that at first meeting of new school term that the annual report section is shorter, volunteer offered to help. • Discussion of sports day split between playground and sports field • Discussion of PE provision and clarification on hours per week 2hours are required by Scot Govt, 1hr from a qualified PE teacher the other hour can be with a classroom teacher <p>5. <u>AGM Newsletter</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next PC meeting in September (17th) will be the Parent Council AGM. The Parent Council would like to share their review of this academic year (2018/2019) via a newsletter. 	<p>RG & SMT to take forward</p> <p>Volunteers to attend at 1.45 on Wed 26 June.</p>
	<p><u>This was the last PC meeting for this session. The next PC meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th September, 7-9pm.</u></p> <p>Many thanks to all those who attended and contributed during the meeting.</p>	