

CULTS PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING AND AGM

Wednesday 23rd November 2022 at 7 - 8:30 pm

Held at Cults Primary School

Attendees:

Julie Anderson, Rachel Gill, Kat Stewart, Shona Close

Cults Primary Staff Members: Morven McKay, Stephanie Sharp, Gayle Allan

Apologies: Alana Lanagan, Nichola Watson, Emma Miller, Michelle Barber, Marta MacKenzie, Catherine Smith, Sarah Esson, Alessandra De Bone

Agenda item	Updates and discussions	Action	Responsible Person(s)
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Rachel Gill welcomed all attendees to the meeting and set out the agenda.</p> <p>All parents are welcome to join the Parent Council Committee as a general member. Any expressions of interests or queries should be directed to: PCCultsPrimary@aberdeen.npfs.org.uk</p>		

<p>2.</p>	<p><u>AGM Business</u></p> <p><u>Annual Report</u></p> <p>A summary of our main achievements over the last year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cults Primary Parent Council were part of a parent group that met, virtually, with the HMle Inspection Team in May for the Recovery Inspection, • Provided a Working Through Our Worries parent workshop, • Progressed the Cults Primary School Vision, Values and Aims by seeking input from parents with an interest in art and graphics. We have a draft set for the logo design, • Supported the Positive Relationships Policy by arranging a Parent Focus Group to provide input and feedback, • Supported the relaunch of the Walking Bus – mainly by processing funds and payments, • Arranged and chaired regular Parent Council meetings – with two having occurred in person. <p>Cults Primary Parent Council has a really good relationship with the school and are well supported by the parent body with a general committee who regularly attend meetings and feedback.</p> <p><u>Annual Accounts</u></p> <p>The Parent Council accounts closed with a £1888 balance on 31st March 2022.</p> <p>We have taken on the Walking Bus administration and hold either current fund of £1,034.54. Since March 2022 we have had funds from the Aberdeen City Council of £200 so we are sitting with an in-year current balance of £3119.34 total, of which £2088 is available for Parent Council activities.</p> <p>We have spent £150 on training events this year. The accounts</p>		
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	<p>have been audited.</p> <p><u>Election of New Board Members</u></p> <p>Chairperson: Rachel Gill stepped down as Vice-Chairperson. Shona Close noted an interest in the Chair role. Rachel Gill nominated Shona Close as Chair which was seconded by Kat Stewart.</p> <p>Secretary: Julie Anderson stepped down as Secretary. Marta McKenzie, was nominated by Shona Close as secretary and was seconded by Julie Anderson.</p> <p>Treasurer: Alana Lanagan has provided notice of her intention to step down as treasurer. No one has been nominated to take on the post so this vacancy remains. Alana is able to provide a brief summary of the requirements of the role to anyone who is interested.</p> <p>Cults Primary School requires a Treasurer for the Parent Council and all parents are encouraged to consider whether they would like to become involved.</p>		
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3. **Head Teacher Update**

This term we have held an Open Evening and Parent Consultations taking place in the school.

- Open Evening had about 92% attendance.
- Parents Consultations was just under 90%

Coming up we will have Christmas events, a further Open Day in March and we have parent helpers back in the school regularly which is help that is very much welcomed.

Leadership for Learners is something we are taking forward with our Year Leaders appointed. The Pupil Voice groups are meeting with SLT weekly. We are giving the learners the opportunity to take the lead in our school.

We have had very generous donations coming in daily/weekly to our Winter Swap Shop. There is a box at Reception and anyone in need would be encouraged to make use of the donations.

We are really keen to remove the stigma around accessing food banks. The Winter Swap Shop will run until 11th Feb 2023. Mrs Allan and the Pupil Council do a weekly trip to the local churches to share out the donations for the community.

All the dates for Christmas activities were sent in an email to parents and carers on 25th November 2022.

Included in this email was information regarding the fundraising committee having a Christmas Sock Day to support children with cancer. There will be no cost for Christmas parties or Christmas shows. However, there will be an optional charity collection at the Christmas Shows.

The Christmas Show will be a full school show which means a full hall of parents. The children have been rehearsing and for some children, this will be their first performance so all parents are encouraged remain seated and in attendance for the full show.

SQIP

We continue to deliver and evaluate our SQUIP. We have completed our RAG (Red, Amber, Green) rating on our action plan so far – this is on the website so available for all parents to review.

Our main priorities are the creation of a health and wellbeing framework (H&W) as well as raising the attainment of our learners. For H&W we want to focus on the development of document that details the various methods for accessing targeted or specialist support at Cults Primary School. This was part of the feedback from the HMle recovery visit and we've started a whole school approach to working on this at the recent in-service day.

We are tracking the use of the Calm spaces and interventions so that we know what is being used well in terms of resources.

	<p>Parents will be encouraged to participate in the development of our health and wellbeing plan. It is a 3 year project with a focus on social, physical, mental and emotional health. The staff team are excited about developing this framework which will take us from nursery to P7.</p> <p>As a school, we are well supported with devices. All P7's have their own devices with P5 & P6's provided with devices by Cults Primary School. P4 has 2 charging buses of devices which equates to 40 devices between them. The P3's have access to a full class set. P2's</p> <p>P1's are developing their digital skills via explicit and discreet teaching and have access to iPads and chrome books.</p> <p>The nursery have a "Magic Carpet" which is like an interactive whiteboard on the floor. They also have interactive boards.</p> <p>All class teachers have Chrome-tabs. Wi-fi continues to be an issue but Mrs Allan is in dialogue with the Council. We have about 500 devices within the school. The infrastructure is in place for fibre broadband but the Council require to roll this out.</p> <p>Our pupil council have written their own school improvement plan in child friendly language. This is displayed in each classroom.</p> <p>The Care Inspectorate attended our Early Learning and Childcare Nursery during the October holidays. The report will be published soon.</p> <p>Miss Sharp has been leading on our Caring and Compassionate Classroom during the 2021 -2022 session. All staff (kitchen, support, janitor, teaching) have been trained. The new relationships policy was developed with feedback from parents and learners.</p> <p>During the 'getting to know you' two weeks at the start of term we took the opportunity to introduce children to what they can expect in classrooms, playground, from staff etc. We will continue to survey on this policy to review it. This links in with our health and wellbeing culture at Cults Primary School.</p>		
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4.	<p><u>Parent Council Priorities and Activities for 2022 – 2023</u></p> <p>Ideas –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelters for the playgrounds: Part of the Summer Fair money was going towards a shelter for the playground. We would need to have further discussions around temporary/permanent structures, that would be wind proof, perhaps some sort of canopy. • In terms of arranging a parent workshop - Miss McKay is arranging an Internet Safety talk in person in January/February 2023. • Miss Sharp noted that it would be interesting to know what the children would like their parents to know more about. • The school are open to developing a curriculum evening to respond to what parents would like to know more about. The curriculum is broad so there would need to be more indication of what would be helpful to parents. • There could be a revamp on the Learning at Home website – some parents don't know what it is, where it is. Mrs Allan is going to take forward 'how to' videos for chimney sums/division. • An initial focus for the Parent Council could be encouraging parents to join us for the meetings to hear about what is going on at the school. The meetings are informal, involve tea and biscuits and have been really informative. • Miss McKay and Shona will discuss planning of next steps, workshops. • A Twitter post or video might help to demystify. 		
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<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Questions??</u></p> <p><u>When will the parents be able to see the children’s jotters?</u> <u>(Question asked about a specific class.)</u></p> <p>Parents may be able to see their child’s jotters at specific events and is based on class teachers’ decision. Possible events may include - Parent consultations, work home at the end of the year.</p> <p>Ongoing Google Classroom posts and Learning Journeys provide a far greater depth of showcasing learning and teaching than accessing a jotter with present curriculum developments. Google classroom allows ongoing work to be viewed. Interim reports are due to come out imminently.</p> <p>Future Parent Council Meeting Dates 2022/23 25th January 2023 15th March 2023 24th May 2023</p> <p>Dates of the next PC meeting: 7 – 9 pm 25th January 2023 (in person)</p> <p>Any parent of a child at Cults Primary/ Nursery is very welcome to attend any Parent Council meeting</p> <p>The Parent Council can be contacted on: PCCultsPrimary@aberdeen.npfs.org.uk</p>		
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