

IAPC Meeting Wednesday 8th November 2017 Minutes

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
Welcome	Elizabeth welcomed everyone along to the meeting.		
Attending and Apologies	<p><u>Attending</u>: Mark Jones, Shona Strachan, Sam Grant, Louise Liddell, Cllr Marion Ewenson, Elizabeth Watt, Steven Wilson, Stuart Laird, Patricia Hall, Sheila Cunningham, Sue Redshaw, Tracey Skene, Karen Seton, Samantha Tribe</p> <p><u>Teachers</u>: Alan Johnstone and Craig Paterson</p> <p><u>Apologies</u>: Anne Hitchcox, Nicola Strachan, Alison King, Guy Carnegie, Valerie Napier, Judy Whyte, Emma West</p>		
Matters Arising and Approval of Previous Minutes	<p>Proposed: Tracey Skene</p> <p>Seconded: Elizabeth Watt</p>		
Treasurers Report	Cash in hand has now been paid into the bank. Balance is £1,252.58. Tracey completed the SPTC treasurer online training. Insurance is paid by the council however the PC can pay to have the level of cover upgraded if required. Mark Jones has offered to be another signatory for the PC and Tracey will get the forms sorted.		
Head Teacher Update	<p><u>Business Breakfast</u> – held on 29 11 17 in Thainstone House Hotel involving Developing the Young Workforce. Another planned for S4 and 30 local businesses will be involved in February/March.</p> <p><u>Community Learning</u> – next events - 15 11 17 – Mental Health and 23 11 17 – Substance Misuse Awareness.</p> <p><u>Website</u> – Refreshed during the October holiday and site will continue to be reviewed and updated.</p> <p><u>Policy Updates</u> – Promoting Positive Behaviour policy will be reviewed during this academic year.</p>	<p>Future events will be publicised on website.</p> <p>Parent Council to be consulted.</p>	<p>Mark Jones</p> <p>Mark Jones</p>

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	<p><u>Quality Improvement Visit</u> – Rated as “An Improving School with Potential” but report not yet finalised.</p> <p><u>School Trips</u> – Parents will be advised of planned intended trips in following school year with an explanation of the benefit to the linked Subject/Faculty.</p> <p><u>Uniform</u> – Parent Survey re-opened and a Parent Focus Group will be held in December.</p> <p><u>Staffing</u> – 10% turnover in staff in line with schools of a similar size. Senior Leadership Team considering methods to improve staff retention. Focus on providing qualified cover for certificated courses. 21 applicants for Deputy Head vacancy.</p> <p><u>Work Experience</u> – Offered in S4 and/or S5 and/or S6 in first week of September. 56% of pupils take advantage of this opportunity over 3 years. Pupils can Pupils responsible for choosing placements from a database. Mentoring also offered to pupils.</p>	<p>Parents to be included in consultation.</p>	<p>Mark Jones</p>
<p>Head Teacher Presentation Topic</p>	<p>S3 Curriculum – See attached Head Teacher presentation.</p> <p>The curriculum should be ambitious and inclusive but current format of S3 not sufficiently challenging or stretching for pupils. Consultation has already taken place with representatives from Year Groups, staff, Business Partners and Cluster Head Teachers. Broad General Education phase in S1 and S2 and pupils should have experienced up to level 3 by the end of S2. S3 personalisation and further refinement in S4. However, why study subjects in S3 that you know you are going to drop in S4? Is the best offer for pupils as current system doesn't for in-depth study of subjects and S4 can be a rush. Proposal is to choose 7 subjects for at the end of S2 to study through S3 and S4 in addition to the non-core subjects of PSE, RMPS and PE. From August to December of S3, pupils would</p>	<p>S2 and S3 parents to be invited to a presentation.</p>	<p>Mark Jones</p>

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	<p>follow a Skills course in the chosen subjects and from January of S3, the National curriculum would begin. There would still be an opportunity to change courses in December. Pupils would receive 190 hours of teaching in the 7 subjects over S3 and S4. As this is more teacher contact time than under the current system, pupils would have more time to confidently sit their National exams. There would be added benefits of some pupils taking Highers in S4 and a wider range of National 4 and 5 topics opens up a wider choice of Highers in S5 and beyond. Proposal has been well received by pupils as they will be able to study towards a greater number of National qualifications in the same year and will have more time to study their chosen subjects.</p> <p>Parents divided into three teacher led discussion groups to provide feedback on proposed changes to S3 curriculum.</p>		
Preparation for further/higher education	This will be discussed at our next meeting.		
New Build – Update from pre-Stakeholder Meeting	See attached note.		
AOCB	No items put forward		
Date of Next Meeting	Thursday 1st March 2018 - 6.30pm - Inverurie Academy Meeting Room		