

Inverurie Academy Parent Council Committee Meeting – Minutes

Tuesday 11th September 2018

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
Welcome	Meeting followed AGM. Elizabeth welcomed our guests, Dawn Lynch (DHT), Shona Lees (MCR Pathways) and Brodie (School Captain).		
Attending/ Apologies	<u>Attending:</u> Elizabeth Watt, Emma West, Shona Strachan, Stuart Laird, Samantha Tribe, Lyndsay Aspey, Tracey Skene, Kay Diack, Cllr Lesley Berry, Sam Grant, Valerie Napier, Cllr Marian Ewenson, Cllr Judy Whyte, Anne Hitchcox, Shaz Cowling, Sheila Cunningham, Vicky Mackintosh, Michelle Charles, Lyne Western, Gail Hempseed, Juliet Serrell, Deborah Collinson, Claire Green, Lindsay MacInnes, Emma Stephenson, Mark Jones (HT), Shona Lees (MCR Pathways), Dawn Lynch (DHT), Brodie (School Captain). <u>Apologies:</u> Louise Liddell, Cllr Neil Baillie, Guy Carnegie, Sue Redshaw		
Approval of previous Minutes	Proposed: Sam Grant Seconded: Valerie Napier		
MCR Pathways	Shona Lees and Dawn Lynch presented this topic. The MCR Pathways approach began in Glasgow City around 10 years ago. The programme works to raise the aspirations of the young people involved and so increase their chance of achieving and sustaining a successful destination following school. Inverurie Academy was offered the opportunity to become involved with an Aberdeenshire pilot in 2016 and worked with a small number of young people, (around 12), and Befriend a Child in order to trial this. Most of the young people who engaged with the programme had notable improvements in the areas they had identified as priority.		

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	<p>We carefully considered how to prioritise the use of our Pupil Equity Fund allocation and believe that this project is right for our school and community.</p> <p>Shona Lees has been seconded into the post of Pathways Coordinator for our school. We are one of six schools who will be fully rolling out the MCR approach over the next few months (the others are The Gordon Schools, Banff Academy, Fraserburgh Academy, Peterhead Academy and St Machar Academy). Shona will link with the other schools to share expertise and resources.</p> <p>The project has three strands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In S1/2 young people (identified through liaising with the Guidance team) will have group work sessions which focus on developing confidence and resilience. • In S3, the young people will be carefully matched with mentors who will be asked to commit to one meeting per week, at a time negotiated to suit both parties. Our aim is that each matched pair will work together for at least a year, hopefully two. Development goals will be set by the young person. • In S4, young people take part in ‘talent taster’ experiences – short bursts of Industry experience - that aim to broaden their horizons, raise their aspirations and help them to understand what is ahead. <p>Each mentor will work with one student. They will receive training from Shona from the outset and will continue to be supported throughout the programme.</p> <p>We would really welcome the support of the Parent Forum in promoting the project and in helping us to secure a diverse range of mentors and business connections to work with our young people. Full information on the MCR project is available here.</p>		

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	Shona is holding the first of a series of Information Evenings on Tuesday 18th September at 5.30pm. Others will be held every 2-3 weeks at different times of the day in the MCR room (former Meeting Room in the Academy building), and we'd welcome the support of the Parent Council in raising awareness of these sessions and of future opportunities.	Raise awareness of these sessions and of future opportunities by posting on Facebook page.	Parent Council
Head Teacher Update	See attached set of slides.		
Parent Council Policies	Data Protection and Social Media policies posted onto Parent Council website .		
Fundraising	Not yet registered with "Easyfundraising". Consider registering with "Amazon Smile" too. "Reuniform" – Possible Bring and Buy idea for used, but still in good condition, items of uniform. May also include study/reference books.	Register Parent Council. Set up a fundraising sub-group.	Elizabeth Elizabeth
AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support provision of Emergency School Bags stocked with school essentials - discussed at an earlier PC meeting. Estimated cost would be £50 per bag and agreement reached to supply two. Ideas discussed regarding donations to make up further bags. Topics for next meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homework Policy Update on Equalities Policy Students' rights once a young person is 16 years old – what can they authorise themselves? 		Mr Jones Mr Johnston Mr Jones
Next Meeting	Wednesday 7 th November 2018 - 6.30pm - Hut 2		