

INVERURIE ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL

AGM 2018

Chair's Report

I'd like to thank the members of the Parent Council, the Academy's Senior Leadership Team, the representatives of the Pupil Council and all of our guests for your positive contributions to our Committee Meetings throughout the year!

Some of our significant highlights have been:

- Making every effort to include all members of our Parent Forum by sharing invitations to and [Minutes](#) from all Committee Meetings, arranging for presentations from our guests to be posted onto our section of the Academy's website, regularly checking and responding to emails sent to our generic email address (inverurieacademypc@gmail.com) and keeping our [Facebook](#) page updated with upcoming events and items of interest.
- Being actively involved in the recruitment Boards for Depute Heads in November 2017, December 2017 and March 2018.
- Developing closer links with St Andrew's School Parent Council through the joint consultation meetings held with the Community Campus Project team ahead of the Public Engagement event in November.
- Participating in the Inspection process where we were given the opportunity to share with the School Inspectors our opinions on the improvement in the level of engagement between the Parent Council and the Senior Leadership Team and the increased opportunities for parents/carers to provide their views through consultation surveys, the Community Learning Calendar etc.
- Working with the Head Teacher to suggest [topics](#) for his presentation for each Committee Meeting and for the Community Learning Calendar.
- Participating in the teacher led discussion groups at our November meeting regarding the S3 curriculum changes where we considered the proposals and provided feedback on the options presented.
- Voting to contribute £1,000 towards the provision of a Mental Health Counsellor and £250 for new furnishings for the Senior Common Room.
- Greeting new parents at P7 Induction Evenings in February and June, explaining what we do and how they could get involved.
- Welcoming our guests –
 - Mrs Fraser who shared updates on Learning and Teaching Expectations and the Rights-Respecting Schools Award.
 - Mr Paterson who outlined the results of the consultation process on the changes to the school uniform.
 - The Garioch Partnership who explained the support they could provide in sourcing funding and completing applications.

- Robertsons who provided an update on all aspects of the Community Campus project from the plan for the Build to how the current Academy's heritage was going to be incorporated in the new school to the planned Community Engagement Projects.

Looking forward to the current school year, the Parent Council are already planning to:

- Positively engage in the consultation to review the Equalities Policy.
- Invite Dawn Brown from The Garioch Partnership to assist us in applying for grants/funding to support the Academy with specific projects.
- Consider setting up an annual fundraising sale of nearly new items of school uniform.

We will continue to do our best to share the work of the Parent Council so that we involve as many parents as possible by using the website, our Facebook page and perhaps even setting up a Twitter account!

I'd recommend coming along to a Committee meeting as I am sure you will find they are informal, informative and a great opportunity to share your views with other parents, senior members of the teaching team and our local Councillors. The [dates](#) for this year's meetings are already posted on the website, so why not come along to the next one? Your Parent Council is looking forward to welcoming you!

Elizabeth Watt

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