

# INVERURIE ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL

## AGM 2019

### Parent Council Report

I'd like to thank the members of the Parent Council, the Academy's Senior Leadership Team, the representatives of the Pupil Council, the local Councillors, all of our guests and members of the local community for your positive contributions to our Committee Meetings during the last year and for supporting our Quiz!

Some of our significant highlights have been:

- Increasing our social media presence as we are now on Twitter - [@InveruriePF!](#) We post and share items of interest here as well as on our [Facebook](#) page and parents are able to share their views with us by emailing us at our Parent Council email address - [inverurieacademypc@gmail.com](mailto:inverurieacademypc@gmail.com). Don't forget you can catch up with everything discussed at Parent Council meetings as all Minutes are published on our section of the Academy's website - [Minutes](#).
- Working with the Head Teacher to suggest a programme of [topics](#) for his presentation at each Committee Meeting that will interest all parents.
- Holding a really successful fundraising Quiz Evening at the Kintore Arms Hotel, that was generously supported by parents, teachers and members of the community. Together we raised an amazing £922 which we donated to the Academy to support the provision of mental health counselling.
- Actively participating in the recruitment Board for a Deputy Head in July 2019.
- Applying to Tesco for the "Bags of Help" scheme – fingers crossed we'll be chosen!
- Contributing our views on Parental Engagement for inclusion in the Academy's Improvement Plan.
- Voting to provide funds to provide a small stock of Emergency School Bags.
- Representing the Parent Forum at the Community Campus update meetings with Robertsons.
- Greeting new parents at P7 Induction Evenings in February and June and sharing information with them about our Parent Council.

We also welcomed members of the Senior Leadership Team along to our meetings and shared our views on a range of topics –

- Ms Lynch and Shona Lees from [MCR Pathways Aberdeenshire](#) who outlined the positive benefits students and Mentors gain from participating in the Motivation, Commitment and Resilience (MCR) Relationship Mentoring Programme. We have promoted the Information Evenings on Facebook and Twitter to encourage prospective Mentors to go along and find out more about this worthwhile scheme.
- Dr Drysdale who outlined the changes in approach to teaching practices with more emphasis on teamwork and sharing good practice. Mr O'Connor also shared the subject choice process as students' progress through the Academy. By offering academic, vocational, work experience opportunities and College courses each

student is able to tailor their educational experience to suit their own strengths and interests.

- Mr Paterson who outlined the different proposals for changing the Tracking, Monitoring and Reporting systems. We shared our thoughts on the options as the Senior Leadership Team was keen to ensure the changes in procedures reflected parents' views.
- The Rights Respecting Group who outlined their achievements to date and their plans for involving the views of the Parent Forum as they progress towards the Silver level – “Rights Aware”.

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

- Hold our 2<sup>nd</sup> fundraising Quiz Evening on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020!
- Gather a wider range of views from the Parent Forum by attending all of the Parents' Nights this session, publicising what we already do and inviting parents to share their views on what else they would like us to do on their behalf.
- Actively engage in the consultation to review the Equalities Policy.
- Consider setting up a Nearly New sale for items of school uniform and study guides in partnership with the Uniform Group.
- Participate in the Inspection process.

Parent Council committee meetings are informal and a great opportunity to share your views with other parents, senior members of the teaching team, students 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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