

IAPC Meeting - Tuesday 24th April 2018 - Minutes

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
Welcome	Elizabeth welcomed everyone along. A special thank you to Nicola Strachan for all her help and support during her time on the Parent Council. Nicola is standing down from the Committee as her youngest has left school.		
Attending/Apologies	<p><u>Attending</u>: Shona Strachan, Tracey Skene, Elizabeth Watt, Nicola Strachan, Cllr Judy Whyte, Sue Redshaw, Emma West, Alies Bartelds, Mark Jones (HT), Cllr Baillie, Dawn Brown (Garioch Partnership)</p> <p><u>Apologies</u>: Valerie Napier, Sam Grant, Anne Hitchcox, Guy Carnegie, Sam Tribe, Cllr Berry, Sheila Cunningham, Louise Liddell</p>		
Matters Arising from Previous Minutes/Approval	<p>Proposed: Nicola Strachan</p> <p>Seconded: Alies Bartlet</p>	<p>There hasn't been sufficient time to look into sourcing any furniture for the S5 Common Room. Will now wait until new School Captains in post. An update will be provided at the next meeting regarding Learning & Teaching Expectations.</p>	Mark Jones
Treasurer Update	£1,777.63 balance. Chq written for £1000.00 for school towards provision of a Mental Health Counsellor.		
Head Teacher Update	<p>See separate update.</p> <p>Inspection has now been completed. Inspectors visited 50/60 classes, met with various focus groups – pupils, staff and parents.</p>		

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	<p>“Attainment” scores may mean an Inspection follow-up visit is triggered in 18 months. A lot of work is being done regarding this and there may be the need for a follow up visit, which would be welcomed by the Academy. This has not been confirmed as the full report has not yet been published. Positive impact of Academy’s Core Values recognised. Pace of Learning and Leadership opportunities in S1-3 to be addressed. Mental Health support good. Literacy and Numeracy results encouraging and Positive Destinations reached by most. Curriculum evolving. Home-school communication should be improved.</p>		
<p>Dawn Brown – Garioch Partnership</p>	<p>Dawn Brown from the Garioch Partnership came along to offer her support to the Parent Council. Dawn is able to help source various pockets of funding, help complete funding applications and signpost us to organisations/groups to provide support. Over the last two and a half years Dawn has helped source an additional £445,000 into the Garioch area. Current focus is to source funding to secure the 2nd year for the Mental Health Counsellor.</p>	<p>Set up a meeting with Dawn to discuss options. Any interested parents from the Parent Forum are welcome to attend.</p>	<p>Elizabeth Watt</p>
<p>Diversity and Inclusion</p>	<p>What is the Academy doing to encourage girls to take and remain involved in STEM subjects? Mr Jones was able to provide an initial analysis of the new S5 student choices – Biology and Chemistry (balance of males and females), Computing, Graphic Communication and Physics (mostly males). It is hoped that the newly appointed Depute Head Teacher, a female science teacher, will provide a positive role model. There will be a number of reasons why more boys choose certain subjects than girls however we need ensure that all pupils are encouraged equally to consider all subjects as there are no “male” or “female” subjects. Cllr Baillie has requested these figures to try and help members of</p>	<p>This will be re-visited at the next meeting. Cllr Baillie requested a copy of the analysis of choices to date.</p>	<p>Mark Jones</p>

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	Industry. He attended a meeting where Industry Members were interested in finding out ways to attract young people to their particular industry.		
Fundraising/Bring & Buy – June 2019	A suggestion has been made that some sort of Fundraising/Bring and Buy Sale be set up on a yearly basis to help recoup some of the cost of the blazers. It will require volunteers to volunteer to arrange and manage. Dawn Brown can provide a contact with people with experience running this type of event. Academy may be able to provide space to store items for Sale.	Dawn Brown to be asked for name of contact.	Elizabeth Watt
AOCB	<p><u>Mentoring</u> – this will continue and parents have requested to be kept better updated as pupils don't always share this information. S5 and S6 sessions to begin soon.</p> <p><u>New School</u> – the event Robertsons held was not very well attended. Academy will try to obtain presentation for website. This will be looked into. A Community Liaison appointed – Ashley McDonald. The Garioch Sports Centre will be used for football matches. Work is being done regarding PE – timetables are being reviewed. Work has been done at Kellands Park but this is not yet complete.</p> <p><u>Styles of Jackets</u> – two different styles – both styles are available to all students to choose.</p>	<p>Information to be sent to parents.</p> <p>Robertson's presentation to be obtained for Academy website?</p> <p>Ashley McDonald to be invited along to next meeting.</p>	<p>Mark Jones</p> <p>Mark Jones</p> <p>Elizabeth Watt</p>
Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 6 th June 2018, 6.30pm at Inverurie Academy		