

Inverurie Academy Parent Council Committee Meeting – Minutes

21st March 2023

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
Welcome	Alies welcomed everyone to the Parent Council meeting		
Attending/ Apologies	<p><u>Attending:</u> Alies Bartelds (Chair), Sheila Cunningham (Vice Chair), Ruth Kydd (Secretary), Juliet Sorrell (Treasurer), Neil Hendry (Headteacher), Cllr David Keating, Julian Shepherd, Elaine Davidson, Moragh Boyle, Karen Simpson, Louise Anderson, Mrs Price, Gail Winchester, Selina Neri, Sam Gordon, Anne Gibson, Jenny Gordon, Lynda Ansell, Martin Misovic, Cllr Marion Ewenson, Lyubov Phillips</p> <p><u>Apologies:</u> Cllr Judy Whyte</p>		
Matters arising from previous Minutes/ Approval	<p>Minutes proposed by Alies Bartelds, seconded by Juliet Sorrell</p> <p><u>Updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing need for new Social Media officer(s) – please get in touch if you would like to find out more 😊 <p>Clarity around the Groupcall app query – this is the app used to issue reports now</p>	<p>Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact inverurieacademypc@gmail.com</p>	Alies
Treasurer Update	<p>Balance: was £1253.44, now at £1779 - £505 from Council received, £20.88 from easyfundraising.</p> <p>Easyfundraising £140 paid out and £70 pending – 9 people have signed up for it now</p>		Juliet
Updated mobile phone policy	<p>Julian Shepherd – Faculty Head</p> <p>One page summary provided by Julian: the school has a mobile phone policy which pre dates covid so a review has been undertaken and a revised policy will be shared with young people and their parents / guardians to ensure that everyone is clear about the use of phones in school.</p>	Summary to be published online	Neil

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	<p>Policy has been designed to encourage kids to have a healthy relationship with media / devices. Zoning was in the policy previously, however the new policy will be a shift and all pupils encouraged to engage in the survey around this to ensure buy in and empowerment around the decision.</p> <p>Support from home may be needed and there is action that can be taken in the event of lack of adherence. This will launch once the senior phase is on study leave, and incorporate the seniors when they return.</p>		
Headteacher Update	<p><u>Update:</u> See information on attached slide pack</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staffing: Currently there are 3 vacancies Still have the Technical Vocational Education (TVE) vacancy New Home Economics teacher to start after Easter holidays New language teacher appointed too, concluding probationer interviews prior to Easter holidays <p>Key Dates:</p> <p>Last date</p> <p>Mon 17th – start of term</p> <p>Mon 24th April – start of SQA study leave</p> <p>Mon 1st May – May day holiday</p> <p>Mon 8th May – National holiday for coronation</p> <p>Wed 24th May – p7 induction day</p> <p>Mon 5th June – occasional day holiday</p> <p>Tues 6th June – start of new timetable</p> <p>Tues 13-15th June – p7 days</p> <p>Wed 21st June – award ceremony Thainstone Exchange</p> <p>Academy news:</p> <p>S3 pupils involved in Springboard Future Chef competition – one pupil won the regional final. The 2 S3 pupils were part of the team delivering food for AFC at Cormack Park recently.</p> <p>18th Feb – open doors event was very successful, informal groups worked well and it will be replicated again</p>	<p>Further update at next meeting</p> <p>Key dates to be uploaded to the PC page on the website.</p>	<p>Neil</p> <p>Neil</p>

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	<p>S5 pupil shortlisted for Aberdeenshire Apprentice of the year award Seniors away to Paris for science event at Eurodisney World book day – staff and young people got involved in world book day Ukranian evening at the campus with Rotary Club was another successful evening at the Campus Communication policy to be sent out to all parents after Easter holidays</p> <p>Upcoming items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Change to the school week: longer days moving from the current Wed / Thur to Mon / Tues. All bus companies have confirmed it is possible, teachers have been consulted with a large majority in favour. We need to keep the model of two long days and three short days, we have at the moment to deliver what IA offers in the senior phase. Proposal is to start this with the new Mon / Tues long day timetable on 6th June, email to be sent out this week about it. - Water policy to be introduced after consultation with the young people to be carried out. Energy drink consumption is a concern and IA has spoken to licensing and also Police Scotland about it being offered to underage children. Water policy will be shared after the meeting for review. - Awards ceremony – Thainstone Exchange Wed 21st June. S1/2/3 – awards of excellence (punctuality / merits etc). S4-6 have subject awards, each faculty is sponsored by school partners (40) and then wider achievement awards. There will be 4 gold envelope awards – Parent Council requested to fund £250 over 5 years for a gold envelope award. Vote taken during the meeting was unanimously in favour. Next meeting to determine the award. - Budgets 23/24: impact on the school (if applicable) to be updated at next meeting. 	<p>Send out final communications strategy to all parents.</p> <p>Email on change of long days to be sent out before Easter</p> <p>send out water policy to all parents and ask for feedback.</p>	<p>Neil</p> <p>Neil</p> <p>Neil</p>
Communications Strategy	At the previous meeting, the communications strategy was shared and a request made for feedback from the PC. Neil will now share the finalised version so that all pupils / parents & carers are aware of what is expected and parents & carers can contact the school in the most effective way.	Publication of Strategy	Neil

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AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fundraising – Quiz date being moved to the first term of 23/24. PC to think about possible ideas for fundraising so that it is focussed, suggestions thus far include: supporting pupils with transport to their excurricular activities, artwork for the auditorium or funding for a school garden. To be discussed at the next PC meeting – any other ideas to be submitted to the PC email address in advance of the May meeting - Neil to update further re work experience at the next meeting - Currently parents evening vote is in favour of face to face returning – can all respond please to ensure as many votes are captured - Query whether S4 prelims will be in November 2023, Neil confirmed that this is currently under review - Access to the campus in the morning was raised, with delivery lorries and cars preventing traffic flowing to / from school. Neil confirmed that whilst it wasn't a school issue, discussions have taken place with Police Scotland. Cllr Ewenson mentioned it had also been raised at the Community Council meeting this week too, however there were challenges for businesses as this may be their only delivery route. 	<p>Please get in touch with inverurieacademypc@gmail.com if you wish to assist.</p> <p>Update on work experience</p> <p>Neil to discuss with SLT</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>Neil</p> <p>Neil</p>
Dates of Future Meetings	<p>Thursday 25th May 2023 – Self-evaluation for self-improvement (ICC)</p> <p>Venue: Inverurie Community Campus (ICC)</p> <p>Time: 7:00-9:00pm for in person meetings.</p>	Send invites for these in advance.	Neil/Alies