



Airyhall School Parent Council



Meeting – 15 June 2021 Minutes

Chair: Mike and Ruth Crawford

Secretary: Eric Gilligan

Treasurer: Stuart Young

<i>Parent Council (PC) Members Present</i>	Mike Crawford (MC) Victoria Oumarou (VO), Stuart Young (SY) Emma Davidson (ED), Eric Gilligan (EG), Catherine Blackwood (CB) Kate McCafferty (KMc) Yvonne Mulholland (YM) (attending via Teams)
<i>Staff Members Present</i>	Donna Polson, HT (DP); Emma Currie, DHT (EC); Leigh Houston, DHT (LH).
<i>Aberdeen City Councillors Present</i>	N/A
<i>Apologies</i>	Friends of Hazlehead Park, Ruth Crawford.
<i>Minute-taker</i>	Eric Gilligan (EG) (Secretary)

1	Welcome	The meeting was opened by MC at 6:30pm, who welcomed everybody to the meeting The minutes of the previous meeting had already been approved by KMc	MC
2	Accounts	SY had confirmed that the PC funds stood at £1079.68. The accounts for the previous year were almost ready to be submitted to Aberdeen Council after auditing.	SY

3	Head Teacher's report and discussion	<p>DP gave a report on the current position.</p> <p>It was hoped that the Covid restrictions would be relaxed on return to school after the summer holidays. It was likely that drop off would remain out with the school, but it is possible that pick up could be in the grounds. On gathering views from the children, it was good that they reported feeling safe. They wanted more science activities and more trip outs, bigger lunch portions (this was unfortunately not possible).</p> <p>Classes for next year were being finalised and were about to be notified to children. The school would be fully staffed in respect of teachers after the holidays. The position was somewhat different in relation to the nursery but that was being managed.</p> <p>In terms of the school improvement plan, there were increasing numbers of children with some anxiety issues. Staff training in ELSA – emotional literacy support assistant was intended to address that.</p> <p>On Interdisciplinary Learning, work was being done to embed “meta-skills” , skills for life. Work was being done on school vision and values as well as in relation to “moderation”- teachers planning activities together and confirming professional judgement.</p> <p>In relation to the PEF- Pupil Equity Fund allocation – the small allocation received by the school (circa £7,000) was likely to go towards such things as stationery, possibly availability of uniforms, or to fund some particular interventions for those pupils not on track on learning. Ideas as to how to identify and reach out to anyone within the school community who was facing poverty related challenges were always welcome.</p> <p>Free school meals would be available for P4 after the summer break with provision for P5 coming next year.</p> <p>The school reports had been issued and the new format had been broadly well received.</p>	DP
4.	Pupil Group Update	<p>LH gave an update – the Eco group had been the most active. This had involved planting an “aspiration tree”- involving luggage tags with aspirations identified on them.</p> <p>Junior road safety – some issues had been identified around use of bikes on the pavement and being respectful of pedestrians.</p> <p>With money previously raised some outdoor games material had been purchased, such as croquet and big snakes and ladders and these would be enjoyed by the children in their bubbles.</p>	LH

4	Report from Aberdeen Parent Council forum meeting and other matters	<p>MC reported on the Aberdeen Parent Council forum meeting on 31/5/21.</p> <p>All vacancies were expected to be filled and the staffing picture was healthy.</p> <p>On bikeability 29 schools were taking part.</p> <p>Free music tuition was to be available for the new terms with a return to face to face teaching as well as online tuition to take place.</p> <p>DP pointed out that Airyhall has seen a return of some face to face music tuition already. There would be city wide provision for a “summer of play” with details to be provided.</p> <p>MC also gave an update on the Treetops development. The PC had provided a response to the initial developer consultation and a limited response had been forthcoming indicating a number of issues would be addressed in a formal planning application but with an indication that contribution to local infrastructure (including Airyhall school) would be limited to those arising from the development’s impact and that issues beyond that would be the responsibility of the Council. The PC would look out for the formal planning application and look to raise awareness and contact relevant individual about the matter in due course.</p>	MC
5	AOB and Information about Future Meetings	<p>The next meeting would be the AGM on 7/9/21.</p> <p>ED noted that Hazlehead Academy was in severe need of parents willing to participate in a Parent Council and those with children either at or due to go to the academy were asked to consider if they could help.</p> <p>DP also reminded everyone that a number of people would be leaving the PTA and replacements (including a new treasurer) would be required to maintain the level of activity which was of significant value</p>	MC. DP
6	Meeting Closed	MC closed the meeting– with thanks to all.	MC