

Agenda

- Welcome & Apologies
- Chairperson Report
- Treasurer Report
- Head Teacher Report
- Selecting Parent Council Members/Role Bearers
- Emails from Council regarding Aberdeenshire's antibullying policy and upcoming training
- End of school day - email from parent
- Christmas Cards
- Date of Next Meeting - to discuss constitution

Welcome & Apologies

Attending: Patricia Davies (chair), Helen Wilson (secretary), Amy Madden, Elaine Jessiman, Nicola Turnball, Yasmin Lamb, Mr Boulind, Mrs Klimkowski (treasurer), Miss Thomson, Mrs Little, Mrs Will, Mrs McLauchlan

Chairperson's Report

- Current office bearers agreed to remain in post at the start of this year.
- Due to current COVID restrictions there's been little fundraising activity over session 20/21 but the fundraisers held last Christmas helped boost funds.
- Parent Council activity during 20/21:
  - paid for trophies ordered for carnival prior to first lockdown which we can use next year
  - fundraising last year for Christmas (iPad and Christmas hamper lucky squares)
  - bought pupils Christmas gifts
  - paid for P7 leavers books
  - applied for new gambler's license
  - office bearers involved in the appointment of the new head teacher

Treasurer's Report

After cheques for Patricia Davies and Helen Wilson written the bank balance going forward is £1313.29.

Head Teachers Report

- Mr Boulind spent the summer working with Mrs Coull and Mrs Klimkowski to ensure a smooth transition. Mr Boulind thanked both ladies for all their help.
- COVID restrictions are still in place although the class bubbles are no longer required.
- Mr Boulind has regular meetings with NHS Grampian and Education Authority discussing COVID-19.
- There have been cases of COVID within the school, which is to be expected as society opens up and certainly many other schools have also experienced positive cases.

- There has been an increase in the number of colds since return to school which is as you would normally expect - advise letters sent out for parents on symptoms/when to keep your child off school/COVID-19 symptoms and when PCR testing should take place.
- Class assemblies are taking place. The children are mixing all together outside and in the dining hall. Hand sanitising and cleaning throughout the school with the cleaners continues.
- The children have settled in well since the start of the new term.
- New Primary 1 parents had an online Q&A with Mrs Reid and Mr Boulind and plans for something similar with other classes.
- The digital, eco, environmental and right respecting groups to restart and will be a mix of all ages. The children can pick which group to attend.
- House captain/vice captain elections have taken place and will be discussed with classes this week.
- School is back to using Seesaw after the security concerns rectified and discussions taken place between Aberdeenshire Council and Seesaw. This is good news as both teachers and parents preferred this app.
- Breakfast Club has restarted and is well attended.
- Baseline assessments have been happening in classes.
- School Improvement plan to be discussed with Parent Council. To cover:
  - teaching and learning in the school
  - literacy
  - STEM development activities
- After school football has restarted and hopefully other after school activities can restart soon. Also looking at discussing with Active Schools re options for other activities.
- Communication by the school has had some changes:
  - school website has been revamped and updated
  - school Facebook group for parents/guardians only and they can now comment on posts
  - new Twitter account with regular posts
  - Newsletter/bulletin being launched. Will be more a visual bulletin rather than text heavy

#### Appointment of Parent Council Role Bearers/New Committee Members

##### Chairperson:

- Patricia Davies to remain in post
- Proposed by Elaine Jessiman, seconded by Mr Boulind

##### Secretary:

- Helen Wilson to remain in post
- Proposed by Patricia Davies, seconded by Miss Thomson

##### Treasurer:

- Mrs Klimkowski to remain in post
- Proposed by Patricia Davies, seconded by Nicola Turnbull

Yasmin Lamb has joined Parent Council as a committee parent member. We welcome Yasmin and will add Yasmin to our Parent Council messenger chat.

### Aberdeenshire Council's Anti Bullying Policy and Upcoming Training

- Policy consultation for all Aberdeenshire Schools on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September - note to be put out to school parents to inform them.
- Online training events from Connect - Patricia Davies will email information on this to parent council members.

### Email from concerned parent

- Email to do with how busy/congested outside school gates can be
- Mr Boulind been outside school every day at 3pm to observe how busy it can be with pupils and parents and the traffic that is travelling along Newlands Road passed school gates
- Days when academy pupils finish at same time noticeably more busy with pedestrians and cars.
- Situation to be monitored. Mr Boulind has brought up with QIM re a school crossing.

### Christmas Cards

- Patricia Davies will speak to the class teachers about getting pupils to design cards.
- Agreed to have this completed and information send out to Parents last week of term before October Holidays.

### AOCB

- Constitution has ongoing discussions around making amendments. Important this document up to date and accurate as needed to ensure Parent Council is running correctly. Patricia Davies to send out standard Aberdeenshire Constitution and we need to arrange a time to discuss and amend it to reflect Pitfour School.
- Mr Boulind been in discussion with Aberdeenshire Council and fence around the school perimeter is to be repaired - date TBC
- Had been reported to school that academy age children had been within nursery playground after school. Mr Boulind has spoken directly to Mintlaw Academy deputy Rector on this matter. At present there is no CCTV outside of school.
- Prior to next meeting committee to think about children's Christmas gifts and Christmas fundraising ideas so these can be discussed.
- Some thoughts raised on Halloween events - indoor disco still not an option given current COVID restrictions. Parent members to discuss over private Messenger chat.

### Next Meeting

Virtual Meeting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.15pm.  
Invites to be sent out Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.