

**FORRES ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL**

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MONDAY, 24 April at 6:30pm

1.	Welcome from Chair	Actions
2.	Present - Elizabeth Watson, Alison Noel, Mhairi Donald, Angela Mitchell, David Nelms, Mohini Frankel-Hutton, Ann Rossiter and Carol Stewart. Apologies – Cath Perry and Jane Munro.	
3.	Minutes of previous meeting. Approved	
4.	Matters arising from previous minutes. Moira Stickle (Developing Young Workforce) was unable to attend the meeting. Carol Stuart to invite her to the next meeting.	CS
5.	Correspondence None	
6.	Moray Parent Forum The next meeting is on 17 th of May, there will be a general update on educational issues and matters. If anyone would like to attend they should let Elizabeth know. There is a link to the forum on the school website. A free training session for all parents, organised by the SPTC (Scottish Parent Teacher Council) is being held on Wednesday 10 th May at East End Primary. The topic is Involving All Parents. The session runs from 6 pm to 8 pm. Please get in touch with Elizabeth if you would like to attend or check the SPTC website for booking details. Elizabeth outlined the objectives of 'Partnership schools'.	
7.	AGM 25 th September 7pm We discussed ways to encourage parents to attend the meeting – we will feedback our ideas to Elizabeth before the next meeting.	All
8.	Parent Consultation on Pupil Equity Funding The school has been allocated £52 800 and need to submit a spending plan to the council by the end of this month. The school have organised two consultation events for parental input. We discussed ideas for allocating the funds.	
9.	33 Period Week consultation A letter will go out to parents and there will be a consultation about this in May. The model currently under consideration is the 'asymmetrical' model, with slightly longer days Mon to Thurs and an earlier finish time on Fridays.	
10.	Treasurers Report	



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	The current balance is £3 296.30	
11.	<p>Use of Funds Ann has ordered the sports kit (running vests) which feature the school colours.</p> <p>The development of an outdoor area with seating, plants and better bins was agreed. Angela, Alison and Mhairi formed a sub-group to initiate this project. Once a specific plan is approved, with costings, funding can be applied for. It was suggested that we apply for the Tesco 'Bags for Help' funding to help raise money towards improving the outside area, as well as applying to the Berry Burn Foundation.</p> <p>A sub group has been formed to work on this project; Angela, Alison and Mhairi.</p>	AM, AN and MD
12.	<p>Head Teachers Report The report is available on the website.</p>	
13.	<p>Extra-Curricular Report The report is available on the website.</p>	
14.	<p>AOCB P7 transition event on Saturday 17th June- the PP will provide refreshments and baking to parents at the transition event between 9am and 12pm.</p>	
15.	<p>Date of next meeting. September 4th at 6:30. The School Improvement Plan will be on the agenda.</p>	