



FORRES ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL

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FORRES ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 22nd January 2018 at 6.30pm

Room B1 at Forres Academy

| 1. | Welcome from Chair | Actions |
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| 2. | Present Elizabeth Watson (Chair) (EW), Mhairi Donald (Treasurer) (MD), Siobhan Evans (SE), Mags Price (MP), Diana McPartlin (DM) (Minutes), Kathleen Robertson (KR), Ann Rossiter (Staff Representative) (AR), Carol Stuart (Head Teacher) (CS), Claire Feaver (Councillor) (CF), Lorna Creswell (Councillor) (LC) | |
| 2. | Apologies Caroline Luxon-Read, Lesley Coutts, Alison Noel, Cath Perry | |
| 3. | Minutes of previous meeting Approved | |
| 4. | Matters arising from previous minutes 33 period week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CS informed us that she will be part of a group which will monitor the implementation of the 33 period week. Parents should feedback any concerns about it to her. - Matters raised were: late lunch time, 3 period block in middle of day, free school meal pupils won't be entitled to extra money for snacks. | |
| 5. | Correspondence Moray Council have notified us of an upcoming consultation on Moray Local Development Plan 2020. The Forres consultation is on 8 th March, 2pm-8pm, at the Town Hall. There is also a consultation at St Giles Church, Elgin on 17 th March 9.30 am to 4 pm. CF said that council is keen to hear parents' views. The Main Issues Report, the subject of the public consultation, is available to view at www.moray.gov.uk/mainissuesreport . | |
| 6. | Moray Parent Forum EW attended Moray Parent Forum meeting at which presentations were given on the Education (Scotland) Bill Consultation and the Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Expansion project in Moray. To take part in the consultation on the provisions of the Education (Scotland) Bill, the Respondent Information Form can be found at http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/11/9712/downloads . With regard to the new Education Bill: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concerns were raised over Headteacher Charter. With less support from local authorities, will the burden on Headteachers be too much? | |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concerns were raised over proposed new legal requirements on parental involvement. - Consultation closes at end January. <p>The next MPF meeting is on Wednesday 21st Feb, 6.30pm Elgin Academy. EW will attend. Anyone interested in attending please get in touch with EW.</p> | EW |
| 7. | <p>Treasurer's Report Balance of Account is £3,173</p> <p>£16.63 has been raised through Easyfundraising website. (www.easyfundraising.org.uk) which is a cashback donation system for online shopping.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Several parents were not aware of Easyfundraising and it was agreed we should publicise it more. - CS will put a link button on school website. - AR will send a tweet. | CS AR |
| 8. | <p>Use of Funds: Outdoor Area AR informed us that funds will no longer be needed for netting around tennis court.</p> <p>AR will take the matter to the pupil forum and pupils will decide how best to move forward.</p> | AR |
| 9. | <p>HTIYS Forres Academy is hosting a workshop run by the SPTC "Helping to Improve Your School" on Thursday 1st February. Six people have registered so far, we need 15 to go ahead with the meeting. PC members were encouraged to sign up on Eventbrite (there is no cost to the session)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AR will send a tweet to publicise event. | EW AR |
| 10. | <p>Head Teacher's Report Report on the website</p> <p>Some matters were discussed with regard to Moray Council's budget cut proposals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forres Academy is not at risk of having to cut classes. - It's proposed that school will be allocated 0.5 full time equivalent librarian, instead of 1 full time. - It's proposed that the Supervisory Technician role, paid at a higher rate, will no longer exist, though technicians will not be cut. | |



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| 11. | Extra Curricular Report Report on the website AR raised issue of funds for the morning swimming sessions. There are not enough pupils attending, and not enough funds to keep it going. Possible solutions were discussed, such as sharing the sessions with other local groups. | |
| 12. | AOCB LC drew our attention to the 2018 Year of Young People - a platform for giving 8 to 26-year-olds a voice, showcase their talents, and create a more positive perception of them in society. | |
| 13. | Date of next meeting Monday 19 th March at 6.30pm in B1 | |