

The Gordon Schools Parent Council
Thursday 31 January 2013
The Library, The Gordon Schools
7.00 – 9.00pm
AGENDA

1. **Welcome and apologies.**
2. **Minutes of last meeting and matters arising not elsewhere on the Agenda**
3. **Accounts/Treasurers Report**
4. **Rectors Report**
5. **Pupils Contribution**
6. **Sub-group Reports**
 - **Fund-raising group report**
 - **Communications group report**
 - **Curriculum for Excellence group report – including updates on**
 - **TGS steering group meeting and**
 - **Aberdeenshire Council working group meeting.**
7. **Parent/Carer Questions: -**
 - **See attached sheet.**
8. **A.O.B.**
 - **Question re Music Competition**
 - **Insch School Buses (bendy buses)**
 - **School Anniversary**
9. **Future meeting dates:**
 - **Thursday 28 February 2013**
 - **Thursday 25 April 2013**
 - **Thursday 23 May 2013**
 - **Thursday 29 August 2013**

Questions raised for TGS PC meeting of 22 November 2012 – carried forward to 31 January 2013

- Following on from the Parental Involvement part of the AGM could you provide examples of Parent Involvement within the school within the last half year. This should not include information on fund-raising since updates on this are provided at PC meetings.
- Is there a more environmentally friendly, sustainable alternative to the use of Styrofoam plates and plastic cutlery in the canteen? Is this something the school can address or is this up to procurement? If the latter could we, as a PC, lobby for an alternative to be found?
- In a similar vein, there was once an initiative to engage with the eco-school idea. What happened to that? Is there a eco-school committee at the school, and if yes, why is there nothing to be seen or heard of it, and if no, why is there none?
- Following on from the 'Belt Up' presentation earlier this year what has the school got planned this term to encourage the use of seatbelts by bus pupils and are there other safety plans being considered in school?
- What has been done/planned around the self-evaluation of TGS (How good is your school HMIE document)?
- Is there a copy of the Annual Standard and Quality report, parent / pupil / staff / community questionnaires etc so parents/carers can see how the school is perceived and what could/should be improved (improvement plan etc)
- How is work progressing with the school uniform group?
- Subject choice: why is it reduced when CFE is all about personalised learning?
- In light of reduced number of subjects in S4; is taking extra qualifications without being taught still possible? : eg bilingual kids have always been able to take SG and H without being taught in class.
- Is it possible to have a clearer understanding of staffing? The school has allocated staff numbers but the distribution is the problem: overstaffing in some departments and understaffing in others.