



**The Gordon Schools Parent Council
Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 1 March 2022**

Attending: Phil Gaiter, Julie Raeside, Joyce Reed, Mark Reed, Catriona Dougherty, Catherine Lamberton, Mary Turner, Sarah Robinson, Marianne Lipp, Helen Kings, Eleanor Shurmer, Gwyneth Petrie, Madie Whittaker

Apologies: Carol Bristow, Paula Sangster, Colin Currie, Elaine Brown, Rachael Ashley, Bernard Henderson

Chairperson's update

January Parent Council Chairs update meeting with Vincent Doherty and Lawrence Findlay, Joyce Reed attended and key points to note from this meeting:

- Aberdeenshire Council has a 2.17 million black hole and the need to claw back over next financial year.
- Need to renew or look at constitution before handing in and apply for funding.
- Sarah had sent an email re canteen.

Action: Phil to contact Laura re access to Sarah's email

Appointment of new secretary

This was approved and new contact/email address:

Madie Whittaker

pipegordonschools@gmail.com

Rector's Report (please also see attached report)

The anticipated roll is relatively static next session with around 661 school role and will keep staffing where it is at the moment with no appointment of new teachers unless retire, staffing is stable but may need probationers.

At the recent parent's evening it was noted that there is demand for in person and online meetings, possible hybrid model moving forward. Huntly Community Council are investing in equipment for hybrid meetings and this could be used for a mix of face to face and online meetings.

Action: Joyce to contact Gwneyth

At last meeting on Tuesday 14 September there was discussion regarding SQA update and clarification and this is a revolving document. The feedback from faculties was that it was difficult for key dates. SQA had 3 plans in place, a) normal exams, b) full exam diet, c) certification. In plan b) amendments will need to be made. Week commencing 7 March there will be information published for pupils and this depends on subject and what would be most appropriate.

Positive behaviour was launched in November. Parent/Families guide – this needs to be crystal clear.

<https://gordonschools.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Positive-Behaviour-Policy-updated-Nov-2021.pdf>

<https://gordonschools.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/policies/>

The school meals survey – this was rolled out to Primary School and Secondary School about the quality of the new school menu, but this has been delayed due to staff redeployed due to Storm Arwin. The survey is to be launched next week and if parent body think liaison needed Joyce can compile letter.

Engagement opportunities - Aberdeenshire engagement opportunities for PiP to take part and once the new email set up information can be forwarded.

PiP communication on website and social media

The minutes on the website are out of date and needs to be updated/streamlined. Ideas for website:

- Minutes
- Agendas
- Section with information of where to email/contact details/current news
- News and Fundraising
- Links to social medial channels

Action: Phil/Joyce to contact Colin Fleetham

The PiP Facebook page is being updated regularly and we need to think about how we communicate on the school. Rachel updating?

Action: Joyce to contact Rachel

Fundraising

Phil thanked the fundraising group for securing for the school the purchase of large benches which is being shared with the Primary School, music technology curricular and extra-curricular and better social space for people in the school.

Google jam board summary of themes

Mark demonstrated google jam board and this could be used for ideas to be added to the board at meetings.

Future Meeting Dates:

Tuesday 26 April (to look at positive behaviour policy document before this meeting)

Tuesday 7 June (AGM)