

Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting
held on the 4th November 2014 in
Conference Room 1 at 6.00pm

Present: Katrina Smith (Chair)
Ken Campbell (Treasurer)
Ollie Clegg (Deputy Chair)
Amanda Campbell
Bill Smith
Kristyna MacSween
Stuart Sinclair
Anne-Marie Mooney (Minutes)

Apologies: Sheila Paton, Jackie Smith

1. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minute of the meeting held on 26th August 2014 was approved.

Katrina welcomed everyone and it was agreed that the focus of the meeting should be the arrangements for the forthcoming Parent Forum meeting.

Matters Arising:

Sainsbury's: have yet to come back to us with a response to the RRED campaign.

RRED Campaign: Kristyna advised that the Student Council are helping to drive forward the RRED campaign. Agreed that as it was becoming a peer to peer initiative this would help to get the message across. Kristyna reported that Councillor Norma Austin Hart and two other MSPs will be working with students to prepare them in advance of going out to speak to shops. Students have also been working with Drama.

Communication: Anne-Marie confirmed that she has put together an email address mailing list that can be used to mail out information to parents.

2. **Parent Forum Meeting**

Agreed that the format of the meeting would be a presentation from Katrina on what the Parent Forum is and how parents can participate. The issues that the Parent Council have identified to bring parents together that affect students and the whole community – the RRED campaign and the lack of usable pitches, the commitment required and how parents can make a difference. Katrina will circulate her presentation to everyone for comment in advance.

Kristyna has been working with students to prepare a presentation on the RRED campaign – agreed that this would form part of the meeting

Agreed Sports Ambassador students will also make a presentation about school pitches.

HE students will prepare and serve a buffet to parents, their parents will also be asked to attend the meeting. The cost of the buffet is estimated at £40.00 this cost to be met by the Parent Council.

Agreed that the school and Parent Council members have a number of connections that could be utilised to help with coverage for these issues if required.

Ollie advised that a petition was raised by parents when the school was being considered for closure, this petition was spread out to the whole community and received a considerable amount of signatures that were then presented to the Council. Ollie to investigate whether a petition would be suitable and if there is an on-line format available.

Agreed Anne-Marie to add an image of a 3G pitch to the poster and email out to parent mailing list and post to S1, S2, S3 parents. Senior parents have been receiving copies of the poster at their 1:1 Parent/Mentor meetings over the last few weeks. The poster will also be displayed on the digital screen at the main entrance.

Ken asked if elections to the Parent Council should form part of the meeting. It was agreed that Katrina would confirm who the current elected members are and invite parents to attend Parent Council meetings, if there is sufficient interest from parents then elections could be held at a future meeting.

Stuart advised that he is unable to attend the Parent Forum Meeting.

3. AOCB

Katrina will be attending a meeting to discuss budgets for Education at the City Chambers next week.

Katrina advised that there will be a Cluster meeting at Forresters in the next few days.

Katrina advised that there is training available for Parent Council members on recruitment of Senior Management staff, this needs to be refreshed every three years. Ollie and Katrina have both attended this training two years ago. Amanda advised that she has also attended within the last three years. Katrina will advise of dates when she receives them.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parent Council is **Tuesday 20th January 2015.**