

ARRAN HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 6 March 2018

Present: Vivien Crichton, Alison Currie, Sheila Gilmore, Ishbel Gordon, Claire McNiven, Ann Reid, Barry Smith, Derek Wilson

Apologies: Greg Hamill, Andrea Hammond, Jill McKillop, Gordon Provan

Minutes: Pauline Robertson

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Proposed: AC

Seconded: AR

Matters Arising

- 50/50 Club – info emailed to parents; very little uptake. SG suggested publicising on Arran Community Forum Facebook page to generate more interest.
- Letters of appreciation and thanks sent to J Ferris and A McNicol.

Treasurer's Report

Bank signatories updated. Clerk and rent only outgoings.

Rugby Kit

VC & AR met with Steve Evans to discuss. He recommended a supplier, which he has used previously. Cost will be in the region of £1300; £1000 funding will be received from SRU and PC funds will make up the difference. Kit can be ordered via the school, saving on VAT costs. The kit will then become the property of the school. It was noted that although training is well attended it is proving difficult to get games due to our small numbers.

Ski Trip

Interest was expressed from parents re possibility of Ski Trip in session 2018-19. It was suggested that the potential cost (around £1100) may prove prohibitive for some families and discussion took place re possibility of fundraising. Consideration was also given to alternative venues (snow guaranteed) and time of year (prelims/studying implications). It was, nevertheless, agreed that this is a good opportunity for students.

Action: BS to suggest that staff concerned consider alternative dates/venues.

Access of PC Minutes for Staff

It was agreed that minutes be published on AHS website.

Action: PR to liaise with David Lambert

Head Teacher's Report

- Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) allocation of £12960 received from Scottish Government (amount based on Free School Meals entitlement). Focus will be on Teaching and Learning and consultation with staff will take place to agree on best use.
- 12 senior pupils attended the European Youth Forum in Switzerland.
- Report on the many and varied events, which have taken place over the last three months e.g. Girls into Stem, Provost Awards, staff Mindfulness programme, sporting achievements etc.
- Staffing – Maths/Business Management vacancies and Maternity Cover were advertised internally with only one applicant per post, therefore will be re-advertised nationally. No change re Physics position.
- Prelim results – interventions in place to support pupils where required i.e. Supported Study sessions, Easter School Study.
- School Show – will take place in June. Offer of assistance from PC members: discussion at next meeting.

AOCB

Email – request that group emails be sent CC not BCC. Please let PR know if you have any objections.

Newsletter – SG still not on mailing list.

Communication – request that information is sent via email as pupils may not pass on details and opportunities may be missed.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 15 May 2018

7:00 pm, Arran High School