

# ARRAN HIGH SCHOOL

## PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 13 November 2018

**Present:** Vivien Crichton, Gordon Provan, Ann Reid, Matt Reid, Barry Smith, Derek Wilson

**Apologies:** Mandy Aitken, Alison Currie, Clare Gilmore, Sheila Gilmore, Greg Hamill, Andrea Hammond, Lizzie McCarthy, JM, Claire McNiven

**Minutes:** Pauline Robertson

### Minutes from Previous Meeting

Proposed: GP

Seconded: VC

### Matters Arising

- Minutes on school website – pass to office staff for publication.
- Developing Workforce #norightpath template – a template has been created with a couple of options but SLT want further discussion to see if this still fits in with the strategy given the remit change.
- Mental health first aid courses – these are going ahead starting this weekend with 18 parents/carers booked on.
- Future Learn – Future Learn sends us the codes and then each month will send us a bill for the number of codes which have been activated. The school then pays the bill and is reimbursed by the Parent Council. The school will notify Parent Council when funds have been used and feedback on number of students benefitted, courses completed etc.  
**Action: AC to liaise with AG re payment.**
- PC Hadow gave a presentation at the Open Meeting on 26 September.

### Treasurer's Report

- VC gave report on behalf of AC. No expenditure on Admin a/c; £291 received from NAC.
- GP reiterated Parent Council willingness to pay for parent helper PVGs if required.

### Head Teacher's Report

- Visible Learning launch day, 17 September in line with School Improvement priority.
- S1 and primary pupils attended the Children's BAFTA event.
- Whole School Open Evening – poorly attended. Members suggested that this was possibly due to parents having no concerns/issues. Consideration given on how to improve attendance for next year.
- Education Budget Review & Planning – no information as yet but likely to result in more challenges ahead.
- Leader of the Council & NA Provost – visited Modern Studies class as part of their Challenging Poverty initiative. They stated how impressed they were with the contribution of our students.
- Hallowe'en Disco – well attended; thanks to S6 for organising.
- Remembrance Assembly – thanks to all who contributed and especially Mrs MacLeod for managing the event.
- Partnership Schools – Eleanor McConnell has offered to hold a session with members to encourage ideas on how to support the work of the Parent Council.

### Accelerated Reader Scheme

Mr Reid gave a highly informative talk on the background and processes of the AR scheme. This is part of the School Improvement Plan to promote reading for pleasure, which, studies have shown, will in turn increase performance and level of literacy as pupils move in to the Senior Phase. A potential launch event was discussed and those present were keen to offer help and support to promote this if required.

**S3 Parent Evening**

Will be re-scheduled after discussion with KALeisure re suitable let.

BS noted that if parents have concerns in the meantime, appointments with Mrs Macbeth can be arranged at any time.

Maths – support in place. Nationally there are issues in Maths due to several factors e.g. staffing, technology being used effectively, insufficient advancement over a long period of time.

**Correspondence**

NA Funding Fayre

Scottish Parent Council Connect – Free Information & Training Sessions

**AOCB**

- Help offered for Christmas Show if needed.

**Dates of Forthcoming Meeting**

Tuesday, 5 February 2019

7:00 pm, Arran High School