

ARRAN HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 30 April 2019

Present: Alison Currie, Vivien Crichton, Suzie Dick, Susan Foster, Sheila Gilmore, Greg Hamill, JM, Gordon Provan, Ann Reid, Barry Smith, Derek Wilson

Apologies: Lizzie McCarthy, Claire McNiven,

Minutes: Pauline Robertson

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Proposed: GP

Seconded: AC

Matters Arising

SG – not receiving correspondence.

Developing Young Workforce – nil returns for No Right Path.

Action: SF to resend email to members.

Treasurer's Report

- Only movement is for 50/50 Club and clerk fees.
- £2227.54 in Fundraising account; £1201.00 in Admin account.

Head Teacher's Report

- BS expressed gratitude to the community for the support received after the sad loss of former pupil Fireun Hunter earlier in the month, which has been a tough time for a number of young people.
- Staffing – Miss Harrison has left the English Department; the appointed person has now withdrawn and the job will be re-advertised.
Physics – no suitable candidates: re-advertised.
Maths – despite a number of ads no suitable applications: re-advertised.
Business Education – despite a number of ads no suitable applications: re-advertised.
Mrs MacLeod has tendered her resignation – 0.6 FTE Religious, Moral & Philosophical Studies/0.3 FTE Home Economics. This is a unique combination and will be, therefore, advertised as two separate posts.
Congratulations to Mr Donlin who has secured the position of Principal Teacher of Geography in Milne's High School, Moray. Teacher of Geography post to be advertised.
Mr O'Neil is leaving to take up a new career with Centrestage Music Theatre in Kilmarnock. We wish him well in his new employment. Faculty Leader of Music and Computing Studies post will be advertised.
Computing Teacher – appointee will start in August.
Nurture Teacher – 23-month contract financed from Attainment Challenge funding; post to be advertised.
BS will meet with Senior Managers to discuss staffing vacancies as in previous years. Requests have been made for Probationer teachers.
- SQA exams are in full swing. New timetable will commence 28 May.
- AHS has achieved 100% of leavers entering positive destinations. This is the first time this has been accomplished in North Ayrshire.
- Congratulations to Eilidh Hamill on her success at the Provost's Award. This is two years running an AHS pupil has won.
- Representatives from the Navy were in school working with S3 students in activities such as team building and survival cooking etc.
- The Health & Wellbeing Week will take place from 7 – 10 May.
- Mental Health Day – students were given help in accessing resources, with emphasis on explanation of what is available. Ambassadors from Neil Davis charity also addressed tackling mental health issues through sport.

- Very successful RHET event in school; working closely with the island's farmers, food producers and charities to create a whole day of linked activities.
- P7 pupils produced a comic to support pupils transfer to the High School.
- Options – BS & SF are working on option allocation at the moment. Pupils will be informed as soon as possible.

Social Media

BS noted the really disappointing posts on social media before Easter, which were wildly inaccurate and caused alarm and distress amongst members of the public. BS addressed the issue by communicating directly with parents and contacting admin personnel of said page.

BS requested support from PC to encourage those who may have a concern to contact the school directly.

Funding Request

Purchase of Focus Educational Software for use in Technical Education and Science Departments. £99.95 each for one year.

Approved.

AOCB

SG standing down as Community Representative. BS thanked Sheila very much for her steadfast support over the years.

Replacement sought: SG will approach members of the Economic Forum to gauge interest.

Dates of Forthcoming Meeting

AGM – Tuesday, 10 September 2019

7:00 pm, Arran High School