

**ARRAN HIGH SCHOOL**  
PARENT COUNCIL MEETING & AGM  
Wednesday, 19 January 2022  
via Vscene

**Present:** Helen Beckett, Michelle Bunting, Vivian Crichton, Ailsa Currie, Alison Currie, Susan Foster, Clare Gilmore, Greg Hamill, Laura Helliwell, Alison Henderson, Lizzie McCarthy, Ann Reid, Sarah Southwick, Katie Webster, Siobhan Wilks

**Apologies:** Faith McKelvie, Clair Reeves

**Minutes:** Pauline Robertson

LMcC thanked everyone for attending. After a lengthy absence due to Covid restrictions, all were keen to re-establish the Parent Council and support the school wherever possible.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting/Matters Arising**

Previous meeting was held on 14 January 2020.

Due to time elapsed, Matters Arising deemed extraneous.

**Head Teacher's Report**

Covid – per NAC guidelines, pupils continue to wear masks, hand sanitise etc. and are encouraged to go straight to class to reduce mixing. Some subjects are affected more than others e.g. PE & Music. Assemblies are currently not being held and Christmas parties were cancelled. Parents will continue to be updated with changes specified by NAC. Warn & Inform letters continue to be issued if necessary. Work is made available through Teams for those isolating.

Current roll – 236. Increase in number of enrolment enquires received, possibly due to Covid consequences.

Newsletters – fortnightly, attempting to maintain communication with parent body. LMcC noted that this was much appreciated by parents.

Trips – limited at present. Ski trip has been cancelled as extra costs are proving prohibitive. Payments will be refunded but deposits may be lost.

Staffing – currently full complement. Mrs Siobhan Wilks was appointed DHT in October. Martyn Rae appointed Active Schools Co-ordinator. SF noted that the acute ongoing situation of lack of accommodation continues to present problems.

SQA – MB reported that Prelims will go ahead as planned: masks to be worn; suitable and adequate ventilation in rooms provided. Invigilators have been engaged. Pupils having to self-isolate during Prelims will be given the opportunity to re-sit at a later date. Pupils having to self-isolate during SQA exams will not be able to re-sit: Prelim grades and evidence will be presented to SQA.

Options/Timetable – new timetable will commence on 30 May. Initial trawl of seniors complete. Proposals to offer S4 students seven subjects will not, unfortunately, go ahead: small numbers have huge impact in our ability to offer more subjects.

Options – virtual meeting will be held this week.

Work Placements – not being offered at the moment, only virtual ones available.

Tracking & Monitoring – regular reporting offered to parents.

IT – IT provision continues to be a challenge. We hope to pilot a 'bring your own device' scheme to help alleviate problems. BT is currently investigating installation of Fibre Optic Cable.

**Treasurer's Report**

Balances

- Parent Council a/c: £1708
- Admin a/c: £328

Expenditure

- Leaving gift purchased for Mrs Dick, DHT.
- Clerk fees.
- Gift for Auditor.
- No accommodation rental charges as meetings are currently held online.

50/50 Club continues to be poorly supported despite repeated attempts to encourage membership.

### **Appointment of Committee Members/Office Bearers**

GH stood down as Chairperson and Committee Member.

Chairperson:	LMcC	Proposed: LH	Seconded: CG
Vice Chairperson:	CR	Proposed: CG	Seconded: LMcC
Treasurer:	AC to remain		
Secretary:	HB	Proposed: AC	Seconded: LMcC
Community Rep:	LH to remain until June		

Staff Rep: SF will ask teachers for volunteers

Committee Members: VC, AC, CG, AR, SS, KW

LMcC thanked GH & PR for their contributions to the Parent Council.

### **AOCB**

- Fundraising to be placed on the next agenda – ideas welcome.
- Meeting frequency agreed at once per term.
- Connect Scotland – useful advice, resources and support for Parents and Parent Councils.
- Minutes will be placed on the school website. Consideration to be given to opening a designated email address for parents to contact the Parent Council.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, 27 April