
Speyside Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 2nd November 2021, 1900hrs

Attendees

Mrs Goodbrand, Liz Egan, Elidh Brown, Lauren Fotheringham, Ruth Kennedy, Lee Charlesworth

Apologies: Lonach Shaw, Cllr Derek Ross, Eleanor Bradford, Edie Horton, Lorna Johnston

Agenda

1. AGM Minutes
2. Report from Speyside High SLT
3. Business in the Bag Update
4. Craigellachie Village council request
5. AOB

Minutes

- AGM Minutes were agreed by all present.
- Thanks to Mrs Goodbrand and Lauren for joining. Also a request for a glow email for Lauren/Lonach to include them in future communications.

Report from Mrs Goodbrand:

- Thanks to Mr Picksley for attending last meeting on Mrs Goodbrand's behalf.
 - Covid still at forefront of the schools day to day routine with masks, hand sanitising and Lateral Flow tests still in action. SHS has been consistently high up in the percentage of pupils conducting the tests but this has dropped slightly, so the school will be encouraging pupils to maintain the testing process.
 - The school will continue to send a weekly newsletter on Friday which all parents attending found useful.
 - Stephanie Gilchrist has been appointed 'Principal of Raising Attainment' and a new librarian to replace the previous one who retired before summer will be appointed by the end of November.
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- A session for S1&2 took place to promote the return of extracurricular activities. This included Badminton, Baking and Speaking clubs.
- S4-6 leadership Team had a meeting on charity and community work initiatives, supported by NQT teachers.
- There was more feedback from the community on some incidents which took place, however the community members involved were pleased how the situation was handled and how the students involved dealt with the consequences.
- Attendance has historically been very good however Covid has reduced numbers in school due to regular self-isolation of pupils which brings the figures below 10% and in turn registers with the Moray council. At this time such a scenario is unavoidable and not a great concern.
- Meeting mid november with the head of service attainment due soon to discuss results.
- Lauren reported head students are working on their manifesto with prefect team covering clubs, inter-house tournaments and events in general. Another meeting will take place soon.

Business in the Bag Update:

- Lee reported that all advertisers have paid for the bag and the invoice for the bag and the directory have been paid. Most advertisers have received their free bag. Ruth at Gammack's has kindly been a hub for handing out and selling the bag and is happy to continue doing so.
- The school will find it difficult to sell the bag at reception so will investigate other ways this could be done. A note will be added to the newsletter to give the SHPC email address and mention Gammacks as the hub to buy bags.
- Lee spoke with Julie Sarab re the Christmas fair for selling the bag but all free charity slots gone. Ruth who is also on the Primary school parent council offered to ask if we could share a corner of their free stall at the Christmas fair on Friday 3rd Dec. Lauren offered help to man the stall on Friday and at the School fair in Fleming hall on the Sunday where we could sell the bag too. Elidh can help on Sunday and Lee can help on Friday.
- Lauren will discuss with Lochan and prefects what some of the raised funds could help with.

Craigellachie Village Council:

- Brenda Cooper contacted SHPC to ask for our support on their traffic speed initiative. It is thought this is to do with the '20's plenty' campaign. Elidh will follow up with BC to find out how they think we as a parent council can help.

AOB

- Edie needs to be replaced as the 2nd person named on our bank account. Liz has kindly offered (and is already a signatory with Bank of Scotland) to replace Edie.

- Mrs Goodbrand raised the request for giving a tie as a gift from the parent council to all P7s coming up to the school. This had been proposed in June this year, but we were too late as many parents would have already placed their orders. Price and numbers will be confirmed by Mrs Goodbrand and the council can discuss again in January about potentially setting aside the money and organising the gift.
- Liz requested a process for submitting requests for funding to the council is developed. Elidh and Liz will discuss and formalise a potential idea to be discussed at January meeting.

Action Items

- Price and numbers of school tie for P7's – Mrs Goodbrand
- Ideas for project money required – Lauren & Lonach
- Money request submission process – Elidh and Liz.

Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was set as 18th January 2022