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# Speyside Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 8th February 2022

## Attendees

Mr Picksley (Deputy Head), Mrs Goodbrand (Head teacher), Edie Horton, Lee Charlesworth, Eleanor Bradford, Ruth Kennedy, Elidh Brown, Esther Burns, Keith Hay (teacher)

Apologies: Rev Andrew Kimmitt, Liz Egan

## Agenda

1. Head teachers Report
2. Mr Picksley – S3 curriculum
3. Treasurers Report & Fundraising Rag Bag money
4. Funding request process & funding requests
5. Craigellachie village council
6. AOB

## Minutes

- Minutes agreed from November.
  - Derek Ross had to leave early, Mrs GB asked about the shelter and its location, no update as yet and no particular comments.
  - **Head Teachers report** – High percentage of Students have been wearing masks. Hopeful restrictions will be relaxed soon. First LEAPS in 2 years went well. First Parent teacher online meetings from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Report from Mr Picksley:** Action group looking at the 3<sup>rd</sup> year curriculum model, currently pupils choose 10 subjects plus core subjects, Speyside now only Moray school still following this model. Mr Hay is conducting an assessment on whether the school should continue in this way with a Focus group asking pupils if S3 prepared them for S4. Some pupils didn't do work at home during lockdown and many did. Some think S3 subjects too broad and other prefer the choice before having to focus more in S4. EB/EH supports maintaining choice as this can give a better understanding of subjects and reducing choice can reduce opportunity. School asking for SHPC opinion, Elidh requested this in writing, **EP will prepare** with
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a specimen form. EP changes column choices every year to suit initial indications from pupils.

- **Treasurers Report:** Bank account balance is £3525.91, this includes £600 from ragbags.
- **Fund Raising** – sold a number of bags at Christmas fayre. Looking for more events to sell at. Mrs GB suggested letter from the parent council for Easter possibly, maybe with an order form. SHPC own a Gazebo now. Gammacks not sold many recently, letter can put Gammacks as a stockist, Esther Burns will set up a Google form to go with the letter to allow parents to order and pay then collect from stockist. **Ruth K** suggested applying to Aberlour Community Association form, **Edie H** suggested Wind Farm application.
- **Funding request process.** The Hub is paid for by the school but there could be some extra things we could help with. Commercial Toaster is not suitable due to health and safety. Rotary have provided extra resources. Parent council not currently being asked for anything from the hub.

Question of how we manage funding requests. What are the parameters for requests, How many people, who is it for, who supports it, pupils, staff, who will benefit, does it reach disadvantaged and advantaged students. **Elidh** will do the form.

**Ties for P7's** – Mrs GB proposed. Chair conducted a vote, all agreed. cost £4 each need Aprox 100. (includes extra for others joining through the year). Could we get a discount on bulk ties? **Mrs GB will find out.**

A letter will explain the tie is from the parents council and give us a chance to recruit new parents to the council. All agreed we could give them ties on the transition days. School has P7 details on the systems so we could draft a letter early to send to parent that parent council will send off letter. **Eleanor** will write the letter.

- **AOB** – Craigellachie village council – Elidh will feed back.

**Action Items** – Highlighted throughout.

**Next Meeting** -The date of the next meeting was set as Tuesday 26th April.