
Speyside Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 26th April 2022

Attendees

Mr Picksley (Deputy Head), Liz Egan, Edie Horton, Lee Charlesworth, Ruth Kennedy, Elidh Brown, Esther Burns, Louise Nicol.

Apologies: Rev Andrew Kimmitt, Rob Aylward, Mrs Goodbrand, Eleanor Bradford

Agenda

1. Head teachers Report
2. Mr Picksley – School Update
3. School Ties
4. Treasurers Report & Fundraising
5. Fundraising – other income sources
6. Funding request mechanism update
7. AOB

Minutes

- Minutes agreed from February.
 - Derek Ross had to leave early, however he offered that if anyone has any pressing to pass to council in the next week before the elections Derek can pass it on. There was a complaint from residents regarding trees overhanging the school, a tree surgeon was called in and we await the outcome of the investigation. If the Parent council is required to help in any decisions DR will inform us.
 - **Deputy Head Teachers report** – a very busy time, pre- Covid systems coming back into use such as free flowing corridors and one lunchtime. Exams have started, P7 induction evening happened. Working on subject choices/timetables for S2 through to S6. Teachers leaving and joining for next year, there will be changes in History, Business studies, technical and new NQT's. In service days coming up and working in school improvement plan.
 - **School Ties** – Uniform order forms will go out soon and the school will include a note showing S1's will not need to purchase ties. A note to go with the tie from SHPC including logo to be **written by Edie** the bags and AGM dates will be mentioned. **Liz**
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will action the note getting to school, which is to be included on the school website, weekly newsletters (for bag sales).

- **Curriculum for S2/S3:** Mr Picksley shared proposed changes to subject choices for S3's by email prior to the meeting for information. Some concerns regarding breadth of choice for languages and sciences. Different routes to choice in subjects, school will make sure all options possible are available to the students.
- **Treasurers Report:** in EB's absence Lee shared the annual treasurers report (attached).
- **Fund Raising** – Suggested we sell bags with simple extra fundraiser at Aberlour games sat 6th August, Dufftown 30th July, Archiestown 18th Sat June, Tomintoul 16th July. Table, bags, lucky squares etc. so it is easy, cards and chocolate bars – **Esther** could help in summer, **Elidh and Lee** can help too. **Edie** has a few prize ideas. Use AGM agenda to ask for fund raising ideas. Email to all PC will be sent from PC email. **General Bag sales** - Could link Paypal account to bank account and do QR code for paying for bags. Suggested the community Centre sell them for us instead of the school reception - **Edie to ask**.
- Google form tagged to all letters from the school. Note will be sent to school to add to the newsletter every week. If info given **Esther can create Google form**.
- **Funding request mechanism update.** – EB suggested we do this through an online link. Liz suggested we find out how funds get allocated through the mechanism, how many people will benefit. **Elidh updating the mechanism with Esther's help**.
- **AGM September** – invite all to see if they want it in person. Show of hands agreed to propose this. 30th August.
- **AOB** – Ruth asked if staggered lunch times could go back to one lunch time, Mr Picksley explained that staff meetings and logistics meant this was not possible and was just a measure for Covid protection.
- **Esther** – daughter doing drama club in lunchtimes for D of E, could we sell bags at the event? More info will be provided but generally all happy to support.
- **Action Items Highlighted throughout**

Next Meeting -The date of the next meeting (AGM) is Tuesday 30th August. It will be suggested this occurs in person.