

# Mintlaw Academy Parent Council

April 26<sup>th</sup> 2012

## Attending

Debbie Andrews, Mark Chapman, Elizabeth Preston, Mrs Robertson, Agnes Gough, Wynne Thompson, Briony Mair, Carol McHugh, Catherine Preston, Ryan Morrison.

## Apologies

Mr Norman Smith, Aileen Young, Barbara Holligan, Pamela Whyte.

## Minutes - January 17<sup>th</sup> 2012

There were no matters arising and the minutes were approved by Briony and seconded by Agnes.

## Treasurers Report

Mark reported the balance of the account was £497 at the end of March. He reported on donations from local business for Dragons Den. He also raised the need to clarify how money was paid into the Parent Council account.

## New Rector

There will be interviews for a new Rector on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Pupil Representatives

We were pleased to welcome Catherine Preston and Ryan Morrison to our meeting to represent pupils. They made a good contribution to throughout the meeting and brought pupils' perspective to all issues discussed.

## Parent Support

It was noted that parent support for Dragon's Den had been poor despite invitations to everyone and both events being well advertised. It was discussed what we could do to improve this.

## Fundraising

Wynne reported the PTA balance stands at £3800. The PTA are holding a quiz on April 27<sup>th</sup> and a Duck Race on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr McLean will shortly be issuing MegaDraw numbers to parents.

### Curriculum for Excellence

Mrs Robertson gave a presentation explaining how Curriculum for Excellence will work - she explained how the structure of school years and timetables will change to accommodate lessons. Several members posed questions and the answers made the council encouraged at the schools progression to this new framework and the enthusiasm that the staff had towards this new change. The presentation can be found on the school website.

### Behaviour Management

Mrs Robertson gave a presentation to explain the new Behaviour Policy that will move from punitive measures of Levels currently used to a positive Merit system that focuses on rewarding positive behaviour. The focus will be on restorative approaches to build relationships. There will, however, still be sanctions for some behaviours. The presentation can be found on the school website.

### Dress Code

Catherine and Ryan explained that senior pupils would like a dress-code that was smarter (shirt and tie) as the dress-code of pupils represented the school identity. The Pupil Council have asked pupils about this and discussed the preferences of a good dress-code. Mrs Robertson explained that it was good that pupils took a priority in their appearance and would welcome pupils wearing shirts, ties etc in school but a dress-code could not be enforced if pupils chose not to wear it.

### Any Other Business

Elizabeth suggested that the Parent Council should meet more often but no decision was made. It was decided that both PTA and Parent Council should have representation at the P7 evening to encourage parental participation and representation.

### Next Meeting

With the appointment of a new Rector it was felt appropriate that the next meeting should be next term unless the new Rector is in place before the summer break and would like a meeting earlier.

Our next meeting will follow the AGM on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The AGM will start at 6.30 with the meeting following at 7pm.