

# Mintlaw Academy Parent Council



Meeting Minutes

*Tuesday 24th January*

*Present:* Anna Gillanders (Chair), Kathleen Ramsay (Minutes), Linda Duthie, Carol McHugh, Yvonne Beagrie, Elizabeth Preston, Geoff McAdam

*Apologies* Cllr Jim Ingram, Cllr Norman Smith, Vicky Fowlie

1	<b>Welcome</b> Chairperson AG welcomed everyone to the meeting	
2	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read, <b>proposed</b> by Anna Gillanders and <b>seconded</b> by Geoff McAdam	
3	<b>Chairperson's Report</b> Brief report from AG with very positive comments regarding Drama department's recently held pantomime. Slides for new parent presentations (transition groups) will be forwarded to Mr McCluskey to be given to Paula Rawson.	
4	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> Balance stands as per previous meeting at £867.91 Donation of £200 will be made to DAB (Driving Experience for 6 <sup>th</sup> year pupils) and £50 to the Art Department for a forthcoming exhibition	
5	<b>Head Teacher's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>S3-6 Options Evening</b> This was well attended, everyone seemed happy with the event and LD was pleased with the attendance.</li><li>• <b>Transition Evening</b> This event was held on 24<sup>th</sup> January and appeared to be well attended</li><li>• <b>S2 Parents Evening 26 January</b> Feedback advised that the atmosphere and tone of the evening was positive and parents were happy with the event</li><li>• <b>S4-S6 Prelim Exams</b></li></ul>	

LD felt the pupils were focused with the prelims. There was a lot of extra support available including revision drop in sessions during lunchtime and after school

- **Transport Funding**

A letter has been sent out to parents regarding funding for transport. PE Department have organized a one off event to contribute

- **Council Attainment briefing 31 January**

Shona Sellers from Peterhead and Linda Duthie from Mintlaw will meet to discuss attainment at Buchan House. It is expected the meeting will be positive. Craig Clemont (Finance) visited Mintlaw Academy 19<sup>th</sup> January to discuss the priority list for the school:

1. Library
2. General maintenance (paint, carpets etc.)
3. 1<sup>st</sup> floor
4. Hospitality Department (can't currently deliver Higher)
5. Smart boards

- **Christmas Concert/Pantomime**

These events were held successfully receiving positive feedback

- **Dress as You Please Day**

Recently held fundraising event raised £850

- **New Staff**

Social Department have recruited for Geography and Art appointment will be made 1<sup>st</sup> February – both of these staff members have moved from Ellon Academy. There is currently 1 vacancy in English and 1 vacancy in Maths and is likely probationary staff will be recruited for these posts. GMcC Pupil Senate at Mintlaw Academy

- **Parental Surgeries**

These will resume on 31<sup>st</sup> January as previously done from 4pm – 5pm

- **Burns Supper**

Forthcoming Annual Burns Supper event will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> February

- **February long weekend**

This will take place from 10-13 February

- **Staff Inset Days**

During these events on 14/15 February, parental volunteers will be requested for QA Activity

- **P7 Parent Tours**

These parent tours will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February

- **Education Scotland**

Education Scotland visited the school today and were blown away. They made particular comments regarding the strong links the school has with industry to develop our young work force. It was felt this is a key area and a major strength for the school.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Funding</b> Head of PT, Murray Carney, received an email today advising the school will receive £2900 from Cycle Scotland. This is an amazing amount, LD is delighted saying “we are over the moon!”</li> </ul>	
5	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Support for Learning</b> EP had queried the support for children with additional support needs moving up to the Academy. She was reassured that it would be no problem at Mintlaw Academy and would be a seamless transition.</li> <li>• <b>Art Exhibition</b> The event will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Soft drinks and nibbles will be available.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm in B2</p>	