

Parent Council Chairperson's report for the AGM of the Parent Council 7th September 2017

During the academic year August 2016 to July 2017, the Parent Council (PC) engaged in a range of activities and discussions on behalf of the Parent Forum.

The group met formally during the months of September, October, December, January, February, March, May and June and this was supported by meetings, emails and discussions regarding a range of topics.

The PC were instrumental in the introduction of the careers talks for pupils in November 2015. During the 2016-17 school year, this has expanded further due to the continuing work of members of this group.

A variety of issues were discussed at the PC meetings and a flavour of those included:

- Banchory sports centre and its impact on the school, which included a visit to Peterhead Academy
- Further nationally required changes and development of pupil assessment and examination
- School uniform
- Traffic management on the school premises and in the immediate vicinity of the school
- Pupil behaviour on and off the school premises
- Use of the space within the school (coffee bar area)
- Canteen and catering provision

The Parent Council also responded to consultation documents including:

- Aberdeenshire Parent Forum
- Scottish Government School Governance consultation

The PC had representatives attending and actively contributing to:

- Recruitment of senior members of staff within the school
- Banchory community action plan
- Health and wellbeing group
- Numeracy group
- Literacy group
- NPFS Forum meetings
- Health and wellbeing week
- Aberdeenshire PC chairs meetings
- Eating disorders conference

The Community Action plan has highlighted the need for a replacement for the existing school. I urge the wider school population to continue to support this at every opportunity.

Further details of all of our discussions can be found in the detailed minutes which are publicly available on our website.

CLRs Karen Clark, Linda Clark and Jill Webster all stood down at the local elections during this year and I would like to again thank them for all of the support they have given the Parent Council and the school over a number of years. I know that the newly elected members will continue to engage with the PC

I would like to thank all members of the PC for your support during this year along with the office bearers (Secretary, Vice Chair and Treasurer) who have engaged in work on behalf of the Parent Forum.

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