

PARENT COUNCIL

PRESENT: Carol Walker, Audrey Michie, Kirsteen MacGillivray, Jane Bisset, Lee Menzies, Irene Birtwhistle, Cllr Ian Taylor, Ashley Strachan, Alan Chalmers, Cllr Alastair Forsyth, Sandra McWilliam, Cllr Anne Stirling, Fleur Barron

Apologies: Shirley Anderson, Sarah Murray

DATE OF MEETING: 9 November 2020

	NOTES	ACTION
1	CW welcomed everyone and introductions were made.	
2	Adoption of Previous Minutes: Change to be made re funding for PT for Equity. This is funded by Recovery. Proposed: Alan Chalmers Seconded: Irene Birtwhistle	
3	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minute of Agreement signed for defibrillator. • FSM – school has to notify FSM Service at Aberdeenshire Council and they will arrange for pupils to gain funding when isolating. • Insight data has been delayed and therefore our Achievement meeting will be held after Christmas Holidays. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LM to check with Guidance staff if any parent has queried about FSM entitlement for their young person who may have been off school long term • LM to insert info into this week's parental newsletter re procedure for all parents entitled to FSM monies for pupils who are long-term absent. 	<p>LM</p> <p>LM</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Headteachers' Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Gemma Henderson has been appointed as replacement for Margaret Ramage, with a starting date of January, hopefully. • PT Recovery and Equity interviews next week, post created through Scottish Government Funding to support learning for all. • One Technology teacher has moved to the city and is being covered by a part-time teacher of CDT. • One positive Covid 19 case reported – no new cases reported from that very small outbreak, and the isolation period is now over. The school followed all procedures informed by Track and Trace. No other cases have been reported in school. For continued learning for BGE pupils during isolation we are using the virtual school esgoil, to give the pupils structure to their day. Teaching is being done as an interdisciplinary project, and these pupils will not completed the work on Teams. Senior pupils will 	

	<p>follow teacher work in Teams. We work with Track and Trace to identify pupils who have been in contact. SLT contacted the few families concerned to raise awareness to families that Track and Trace would be in touch. IB asked for LM to notify parents that the small outbreak is over. LM stated that this would not be normal practice. LM to take this query to next Aberdeenshire Headteacher meeting.</p> <p>Attendance Rates are still high. Parents are to be encouraged to contact the school if they have concerns and arrangements can be put in place for pupils re Learning and Teaching. AS confirmed that she is happy that the school has procedures in place to cover this. LM to insert info into this week's update, that parents will be informed only if there are any positive cases. SLT and Office staff are on call 24/7 to ensure they can begin gathering information if a case is identified. A rigorous process is in place to identify all contacts, including personal information, seating plans, timetable details, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LM to check if FAQs link is on website. • Cllr AS recommended awareness raising by everyone as individuals, as there are still Aberdeenshire concerns re number of cases. 	<p>LM</p> <p>LM</p>
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5	<p>Digital Technologies:</p> <p>250 Chrome books have been allocated or are in process of being allocated to pupils. Kate Clarke (DHT) has been working with a staff/pupil group in school to allow mobile technologies in school with the wi-fi switched on.</p> <p><u>Mobile Technologies Policy</u>: Comments were requested on the Policy which has been created by KC, staff, pupils and partners. LM reminded those present about the traffic Lights system which is in place in every classroom. CW asked how this will be summarised to pupils. LM reminded all that there are Digital Champions who will ensure clarity for S1 – S3. Senior Phase pupils should already be aware. Class teachers will also be involved in this learning process. No printing will be possible from mobile devices.</p> <p><u>Online Safety Policy</u>: LM asked for parent members to be involved in this Policy. Members asked to put names via CW. Links will be included for <u>Anti-Bullying Policy</u> and also our <u>Positive Relationship Policy</u>. These Policies need to be updated annually. Filtering protection was discussed – wi-fi can be totally open or filtered. TA has opted for a filtered wi-fi. Staff and pupils will gain on-going training re processes and procedures re Digital Technologies. Our new Police Liaison Officer started today, so will be involved re on-line safety. Attention was drawn to the acceptable/unacceptable use tables at the end</p>	
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	<p>of the Policy to give clarity to various scenarios. Members to email any concerns or comments to CW. To aid consultation these to be linked on the website so that parents can comment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different event this week for Remembrance. A short presentation including a 2 minute silence will take place in period 3 on 11th November. Pupils encouraged to wear something red or white and a donation if they can which will be passed to Legion Scotland • Building works are now out to tender. These have not been awarded yet. Phase 1 – windows of north block, the gyms and fitness suite and also the improvements to Maths and English corridors. 	
5	<p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <p>Parent Council: £1,352.94</p> <p>Friends of Turriff Academy: £2,087.02</p> <p>£400 to debited to the account.</p>	
6	<p>FOTA</p> <p>No update.</p>	
7	<p>SQA:</p> <p>Staff to work on SQA arrangements on November Inservice Day. Staff are in consultation with SLT about Prelims and Assessments. Evidence being constantly being collected</p>	

	for SQA. S4 pupils will get a chance to sit exams to the Hall as a practice for formal exams in 2022.	
8	<p>CW confirmed that there is to be another meeting of PC Chairs on Wednesday 18 November 2020. CW to update the members at next meeting.</p> <p>IB updated the members on her meeting on Flexible Schooling. CW to ask Christine McLennan re hard copy of Policy, and also feedback from meeting.</p>	CW
9	<p>AOCB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS has asked if school can help promote Youth members for Community Council – Fyvie or Monquhitter areas. One or two representatives for each area. Auchterless area was also discussed. Cllr AS to give a contact to LM. • AM asked about funding requests. LM confirmed that a priority for funding availability would be required for semi-permanent gazebos. • No plans for Final Fling or school dances for this session. • No school photos this session. • SM to be included on the distribution list for meetings and business. 	LM
10	<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next Parent Council Meeting will be on Monday 14</p>	



	December 2020. There would then be no January meeting.	
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