



Dingwall Academy Parent Council

Minute of the Meeting held 8th February at 7pm

Present

Helen Cameron
Karen Cormack
Laura Ross
Samantha Blyth

Lindsay Ramsay
Alan Radin
Eileen Bice
Mike Evans

Apologies

Stephen Mackenzie
Angela Maclean
Graham Mackenzie
Anita Munro

Alison MacLeod
Alister Mackinnon
Sandra Rea

Minutes of the previous Parent Council meeting held on 18th January 2016 were accepted – All in agreement.

Matters Arising

KC advised that Phase 1 of the IT refresh by Fujitsu will commence in May this year, with Phase 2, which is the distribution of chrome books, taking place sometime after the summer recess.

Treasurer's Report

The quotes from First Aid providers at the Spring Fair are now in and the Red Cross will be in attendance.

Accounts stand as per last meeting:

Current balance:

Savings Account: £78.36
Cheque Account: £854.29

Spring Fair

KC, the SMT and member of the parent council are still very busy finalising Spring Fair plans. The parent council will now be responsible for running a Bottle Stall, the Barbeque and manning the front ticket desk as well as helping to organise the entertainments, which will include a Dunk Tank, Laser Quest, Bungee Run, Assault Course, Tunnels, Wrecking Ball and a Bouncy Castle. Fusion will be running the Go Karts. ME has contacted Ross County to run walking football games.

Senior pupils have contacted local businesses and a good response has been received. The main raffle prize will again be 2 tickets to Belladrum. 2nd years are busy planning and organising stalls.

SB confirmed that there were enough wristbands and it was agreed that the cost for these, which gives access to all the entertainments, will remain at £10.00

The Bottle Stall will initially be funded by school and SB has undertaken to purchase the bottles and set up the stall on the morning of the fair.

Due to the popularity of the Barbeque and the Bottle Stall, HC will communicate with parents asking for as many parent helpers as possible to help out on the day.

Christmas Fair

Agreed to take place on Friday, 2nd December. There will be an early bird offer to stall holders. Parent Council to be responsible for bottle stall, refreshments and raffle.

AOCB

KC confirmed that in spite of the disruption to travel from high winds, all prelims had gone ahead.

A Partnership Event evening is in the process of development for the groups which are already involved with the school and with the aim of strengthening these links and possibly developing more.

There was discussion on various issues surrounding social media. Facebook is primarily used by the Academy to celebrate success. It is not a forum for complaints or issues which should be raised with staff. Following from this KC said she would hold an information evening on the internet to further inform parents and pupils of the dangers and how to stay safe on-line.

Parental concern over S3 options was raised. KC advised that most schools in Highland had only 6 options due to the fact that there was only 33 periods in a week which dictated the number of options a student could take. KC stated that she would take this up with the Head of Education, and also establish the mechanism for a review of the current situation.

The date of the next meeting is Monday, 9th May 2016 at 7pm