

Dingwall Academy Parent Council

Minutes

9/9/2019

Present

Helen Cameron (HC) Karen Cormack (KC)
Emma Whitham (EW) Gill Macpherson (GM)
Paul Macpherson (PM) Karen Anderson (KA)

Apologies

Alan Stewart, Margaret Paterson, Angela Maclean, Alister Mackinnon, Maria Kelly, Alister MacKinnon, Sam Blyth, Karen O'Hanlon, Pauline Wittka-Jezewski

1. Minutes from last PC meeting on 20th May 2019 approved by Paul Macpherson and seconded by Gillian Macpherson
2. Treasurer Report - as per AGM
 - Account balance £8164.06
3. Matters Arising
 - **Academic Results** - S5 and S6 did very well. S4 disappointing, although it was a challenging year group for many reasons. Some departments aren't performing as well as expected. Staff are carrying out a results analysis.
 - **Awards Scheme** - a group of parents are being trained to support pupils to apply to awards schemes, including Saltire Awards.
 - **Newton Room** - Dingwall Academy is fortunate enough to have been selected for a purpose built science room - Newton Room.
 - **Virtual Academy** - in response to a parent query KC confirms that the virtual academy is going well at Dingwall Academy with no reported issues from pupils or staff.
 - **Session focus** - KC requested the focus of Parent Council (PC) for this next session be parental engagement, and this was unanimously agreed by members.
 - **Parental Engagement** - there is a planned event on 27th November and the PC agreed to have a table.
 - **Christmas Fair** - to be discussed at next meeting
 - **Mr Lees** - HC has received further correspondence from Mr Lees regarding PC role in the RoW dispute. The PC members agree this matter is closed.

Action 1 - HC to arrange PC attendance at parental engagement on 27th Nov

Action 2 - HC to attend 'Chance to Chat' 1st year parent meeting on 24th Sept to represent PC

Action 3 - EW to attend 'Chance to Chat' 1st year parent meeting on 1st Oct to represent PC

Action 4 - HC and KA to attend S3 contact evening on 7th Oct to represent PC