

Dingwall Academy Parent Council

Minutes

24/9/2018

Present

Helen Cameron
Emma Whitham
Laura Ross
Karen Cormack
Stephen Mackenzie
Lynne Bell

Angela Maclean
Alister Mackinnon
Sam Blyth
Lindsay Ramsay
Maria Kelly

Karen O'Hanlon
Gill Macpherson
Paul Macpherson
Su Engstrand
Gina Cook

Apologies

Alan Stewart

1. Minutes from meeting May 2018 proposed by Laura Ross and seconded by Stephen Mackenzie

2. Treasurer Update - Laura Ross

- Bank balance £8650.70

Action 1 - Sam Blyth to update bank details

3. Christmas Fair

- Event Date - Friday 7th December
- S6 Pupils taking lead on organising event - all proceeds to go to Teenage Cancer Trust

Action 2 - Stephen to arrange BBQ repair

Action 3 - Parent Council to arrange Bottle Stall

Action 4 - Emma to speak to pupils about a food market

4. Parental Engagement

- Karen Cormack listed various ways parents could get involved in school community, including, sports clubs, mini bus driving, uniform swap, ICT support, book swap, expressive arts, employability skills

Action 5 - Karen Cormack to put list on school website and email out to all parents

Action 6 - Parent Council to support drop-in information session on Friday 9th November

- Parent Council members were all very supportive of engagement agenda and agreed to support Karen Cormack and staff.
- Various options on how to increase participation in Parent Council were discussed, including alternating meeting days and times.

3. Role of Parent Council

- It was unanimously agreed that the role of the Parent Council for year 2018/19 should be in increasing parental participation in school community, with less focus on fundraising

Action 7 - Emma to re-activate Parent Council Facebook page

4. Sponsored Walk

- Karen Cormack shared detail of new route
- Event date - 5th October
- Parent Council agreed to supply water and chocolate

Action 8 - Stephen to arrange tables and water/chocolate

Action 9 - Karen to confirm Parent Council location

Action 10 - Sam, Helen, Stephen and Alister volunteered to help on day

5 . AOCB

- WW1 100 Year Anniversary event in school on 9th November - Parent Council rep to attend
- Cllr Angela Maclean encouraged all members to complete Mid Ross Community Partnership questionnaire and requested we share importance of this with wider community.
- Karen Cormack advised everyone of the development of new Dingwall Academy Market - an online farmers market managed by students in partnership with local social enterprise MOO Food
- Karen Cormack asked if the Parent Council would provide financial support to Annie The Musical production - it was agreed to donate £500.
- Cllr Angela Maclean requested members promote a local event - Word on the Street 18/19/20 Oct
- Sam Blyth advised the committee that Parent Councils will soon be included in a consultation regarding standardising the spring break. This needs to be discussed further at next meeting.
- Emma Whitham shared a letter she received from Mr Fred Lees regarding an alleged RoW through school.

Action 10 - Stephen Mackenzie to reply to Mr Fred Lees advising the parent council is not involved in this matter.

- Karen Cormack thanked everyone for their hard work and commitment.

Next Meeting Monday 12th November 1900 @ Dingwall Academy