

DAPC 20th May

Present – Heather Thornton, Sandra Rea, Laura Ross, Linda Watson, Karen Cormack, Nigel Greenwood, Stephen Mackenzie, Dawn Morgan, Mike Evans, Cllr. Alister Mackinnon, Cllr. Angela Maclean, Anita Munro,

Apologies – Graham Mackenzie, Carol Seaton Sam Blyth

Matters Arising

- KC – The Gardening group received their silver award.
- KC – We need to look very closely at the end of year reports and parents evening. We would appreciate input from about 12 parents within the next few weeks.
- KC – After donating money to the seniors, they managed to raise over £10,000 for Teenage Cancer Trust.
- KC – For parents evening we need to think of a way to make sure the 5 minute slots are not exceeded.

School Business

- KC – The school timetable has already changed to give the new 4th years more time for their courses. The results from the Sosca testing for S2s will be tracked by the school but not published. These will be used, along with other things, to decide the levels of pupils.
- KC – There are going to be 5 retirements this year: Mr Simpson-RMPS; Mr Kerr-Physics; Mrs Fordyce-Music; Mr Macillechiar- Gaelic; Mr Murray-Graphics. Emma Welsh has been appointed to teach History. Interviews have been taking place for RMPS, CDT, and Biology. There will be 5 probationers in English, Art, Music and Physics.

School Gardening

- HT – The Diggers raised £225.37 from the tombola. The next bake sale will take place on Friday 7th June at break time. Susan Swallow will be there with pupils but would appreciate parent input. Cakes can be dropped off in the morning.

Fujitsu

- LW – Sam Blyth has been to various meetings. The current contract runs until September 14th. The Highland Council has appointed a team of 6 people to look at a better contract for the Highlands.
- KC – Our main concern is the Wi-Fi as access has been restricted. Also of concern is it taking up to 3 weeks before issues are resolved.

Our feeder schools to be contacted asking for their concerns re Fujitsu, feedback going to Cllr Mackinnon before his next meeting.

Higher Students

- LW – Parents have raised awareness of the problems when students come in to see teachers during study leave. They need to support the Higher students and the pupils need to be encouraged to come in to school during study leave.
- KC – There will be prelims for those pupils taking National 5s. However, it is unclear when they will be as the pupils might not be ready for them before Christmas break. This is also the last year for appeals which means there will be less pressure for prelims.

Finance

LR – Chequing Account £952.30

Deposit Account £1877.49

LR - £300 will be donated to the Diggers out of the chequing account.

Other Business

KC - School Sports day is on Friday 21st June. It is the last day of the primary 3 day visit so it will include the p7s. The parent council has been asked to go along and help sell refreshments and snacks.

KC – The PE department have requested £900 to buy in trophies and medals. We will donate £500 and the profit made from sports day can also go towards it.

KC - The Highlife members in the school have to deal with kids vandalising the pitch. Placing an additional wire fence on the pitch will be considered so the kids can't get in.

SM - In Tarradale they used anti-climb paint and it proved successful.

Date for next meeting – Monday 9th September.