

GROVE ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF PARENT COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT GROVE ACADEMY

FOLLOWING THE AGM AT 7 P.M. ON TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2013

Members in Attendance

Susan Kidd (SK)	Andrew Llanwarne (AL)	Hilary Sandeman (HS)
Kevin Alexander (KA)	Cllr. Laurie Bidwell (LB)	Phil Eva (PE)
Dawn Archibald (DA)	Carole Jenkins (CJ)	Cllr. Kevin Cordell (KC)
Rhona Gray (RG)	Grant Edward (GE)	Andrew Nisbet (AN)
Graham Hutton (GH)	Beverley Edward (BE)	Penny Waiton (PW)
Jack Stuart (JS)	Valerie Clark (VC)	Mary Holligan (MH)
Deepa Narayanan (DN)	Sheonagh Scott (SS)	Lesley Elder (LE)
Justine McCluskey (JM)		

Welcome

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AL opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Apologies for Absence

2	Cllr Ken Guild	Karen O'Rourke	Colin Crichton
	Fiona MacIntosh	Sally Hart	Cllr.Derek Scott
	Richard Smith		

Minutes of Previous Parent Council Meeting

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The draft minutes of the previous meeting, held on 21st May 2013 were accepted as accurate. Proposed by GH and seconded by LE.

Matters Arising From Minutes of Last Meeting

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None

Head Teachers Report

Mr Hutton spoke of the positive experiences and links and partnerships the pupils have with Kenya, Japan, Lithuania and Florida involving school exchanges, learning materials and future employment such as renewable energy and technology. GH updated on staffing and was positive regarding the addition of staff which will improve pupil support and pastoral care.

Mr Hutton confirmed that the following is the final school values and definitions.

Honesty:

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Be true to yourself and others.

Responsibility:

Understand and accept the positive or negative outcome of your actions.

Respect:

Treat others the way you would like to be treated yourself.

Fairness:

Consider everyone as individual and give them a fair chance.

Determination:

Aim to achieve the best you can, even when challenging.

Mary Holligan gave a brief update and outlined the school's involvement with Eco schools- green flag.

Parent & pupil issues

Road safety and transport issues were discussed in depth with positive feedback given to alterations to Claypotts Road. It was suggested that the school travel plan should be updated.

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Communications It was discussed that school news could be better communicated to parents and carers. MH, AN, CJ and Cllr. Laurie Bidwell agreed to look into opportunities which may involve social networking applications which could better facilitate communication.

External groups and meetings

7 Andrew Nesbitt commented on the excellent professional presentation pupils gave to Local Community Planning Partnership.

Councillor Kevin Cordell gave positive feedback regarding the pupils who recently attended the Broughty Ferry Community Council.

Treasurer's Report

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None

Dates of Future Meetings

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7pm Grove Academy Staffroom

November 12th, January 21st, March 11th and May 20th

(The January 21st date has now been changed to January 14th)

AOCB

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Due to time constraints Curriculum for Excellence was not discussed. AL apologised for the over-run on other items and agreed that this would be included on the agenda of the next meeting.