

Grove Parent Council
Annual General Meeting minutes
17 September 2019, 19:00-19:30

Attendance

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| 1. Louise Abercrombie, Chair | 11. Alison McDervitt |
| 2. Stephen Bain | 12. Duncan McIntosh |
| 3. Clare Clarke | 13. Fiona McLaughlin |
| 4. Jim Cochrane | 14. Sela Mdlalose |
| 5. Elaine Hodge | 15. Deepa Narayanan |
| 6. Graham Hutton | 16. Caroline Petrie |
| 7. Tara Javed | 17. Doreen Phillips |
| 8. Clare Jefferson, Clerk | 18. Cllr Derek Scott |
| 9. Ewen Jenkin | 19. Hong Zhang |
| 10. Nicky McBean | |

1 Welcome and introductions

Louise welcomed everyone to the meeting. This was followed by a round of introductions.

2 Apologies

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| 1. Natalie Mackland | 2. Kulsam Ali |
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3 Approval of minutes of previous AGM

There were no changes to the minutes from the previous AGM held on 11 September 2018. The minutes from the previous AGM were adopted.

Proposed: Duncan McIntosh

Seconded: Jim Cochrane

4 Matters arising from previous minutes

There were one matters arising from the previous AGM relating to the review of the Parent Council constitution. It was decided to leave the constitution as it currently stands.

5 Report of the Chairperson

Louise Abercrombie, chair of the Grove Parent Council for 2018/2019, gave a report on the Parent Council. Louise spoke about a number of highlights from the past year including the restoration and unveiling of the war memorial. She thanked Graham and the staff for their dedication and hard work. She mentioned the main areas in which parents represented the views of the Grove Parent Forum including the Appeal Committee, the S1 information evening, the various DCC education meetings, the S2 YPI judging panel and the HMI inspection focus group. As a parent council, we always look at ways to broaden engagement with parents.

6 Report of the Rector

Graham Hutton, Rector of Grove Academy, provided a report to the AGM (see annex 1). Graham spoke of a very successful year despite the many challenges arising from the budget cuts. The main focus of Grove is to reduce the attainment gap, while looking forward the priorities are to improve attendance and enhance mental health. Grove will continue to work with existing partner school including Madras in St Andrews and the Royal High in Edinburgh, while forging a new partnership with Morgan Academy. The HMI and Education Scotland both recognised that Grove Academy is sector leading. Graham said that all this would not be possible without the conscientious staff which make a great team; going from strength to

strength. There were many highlights to the past year, but the presentations of 16 colleagues on their practitioner enquiries was singled out.

7 Report of the Treasurer

Stephen Bain has served as treasurer for the Grove Parent Council for 2018/2019. Stephen said the PC did not have any requirement to use any funds during the year.

8 Elections

The meeting elected new office bearers for the 2019/20 session as follows:

Chairperson: Louise Abercrombie

Proposed by Clare Jefferson and seconded by Duncan McIntosh

Vice chairperson: Tara Javed

Proposed by Louise Abercrombie and seconded by Doreen Phillips

Treasurer: Stephen Bain

Proposed by Duncan McIntosh and seconded by Doreen Phillips

Clerk: Clare Jefferson

Proposed by Jim Cochrane and seconded by Louise Abercrombie

9 Any Other Current Business

There was no other current business.

10 Date of next AGM

The date of the next AGM is Tuesday 15 September 2020.

Annex 1: Rector's Report to the Parent Council AGM