

Ellon Academy Parent Council AGM Minutes

10th November 2020

All participants took part virtually due to current Government guidance on social distancing.

Attendance was open to all parents or guardians who have children at the school. Parents were asked to contact in advance to note interest so that invitations could be sent through emails.

Attendees: N Topping (Chair), D McCulloch (Vice Chair), K Gray (Previous Chair), H Wilson (Acting Secretary), A Blanchard (Treasurer), P Buchan (Rector), L Lawrence, L Gill, F Davidson, F Callen, Alan Souter, J Lorimer,

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

These were posted on the Parent Council Facebook Page, School website and emailed to parents and no alterations were suggested.

2. Chair Report

- This has been one of the most challenging years.
- The PC relationship with the school has been outstanding.
- Many concerns and queries have been raised through the Parent Council - particularly as we all went into lockdown.
- We have collectively worked very well.
- Queries have now significantly reduced which we believe reflects the fact that the communication processes are working well and parents are receiving the information they need.
- The learning process continues to be dynamic and we continue to refine the processes.
- NT wished to pass on special thanks to PB and her SLT
- We recognise the pressures and challenges involved with constant changes.
- Feedback
- Many thanks are due to Simon Ruddy who coordinated the Parent Council Snow Plough fundraising and purchase.
- The janitorial staff are pleased with this equipment.
- The Parent Council also purchased a variety of maths text books for use by Higher and National 5 pupils.
- The Parent Council provided funding for materials to support the Technology Faculty with their production of Face Shields for key workers.
- The Parent Council supported the school with their transition work for primary 7 pupils moving into Ellon Academy.
- We also supported the school through the Inspection process.
- The school improvement plan includes comments from the Inspection process.
- We have taken part in SLT interviews
- The relationship throughout the COVID 19 process has been strong.
- Thanks to Karen for her hard work with the Parent Council Facebook page and communication.
- Thanks to Helen for the minutes.
- Thanks to Dave for support with communication.

3. Response from Rector

PB thanked the Parent Council for the high level of support provided by them.

She is particularly grateful for the advice regarding working with parents and communication. Lessons have been learnt over the past week in particular.

4. Treasurer's Report

Balance is £3,000.

We have managed finally to spend some money this year (snowplough, maths books, and materials for the Technology Faculty to make face-shields for key workers.

A complaint regarding lack of access and problems with changing over signatories over the past three years has been escalated to another bank representative – this time in Yorkshire.

Compensation is being discussed (alongside a promise that the signatory changeover will be actioned).

5. Appointment of committee members

NT, DM and AB are happy to remain in their roles and nobody present wished to be considered for the roles.

Our secretary stood down in the early months of 2020 and HW has been acting as secretary since then.

Nobody has come forward to express interest in the secretary role.

HW was asked if she was willing to remain as acting secretary while we continue to look for a replacement. She agreed.

NT proposed this and DM seconded.

6. AOCB

Nobody raised any issues

The AGM was closed and we moved onto the meeting.