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| Fortrose Academy Parent Council  Minutes of Annual General Meeting  4th February 2019 | | |
|  | **Present**  Gavin McLean (Rector), Joe Hallwood (Co chair) Steve Mclennan (co-chair), Ellen Addison (sec), Jillian Mackenzie (treasurer), Becky Nicol, Lisa Fox, Shona Bowman, Patrick Fox, Fiona Loynd, Lizzie Campbell, Val Paterson (Depute), Emma Campbell (Mental Health worker), Roger McMichael |  |
| 1.  **2.** | **Apologies**  Craig Fraser, Gordon Adams Julie Baird, Jo-Anne Pugh  **Presentation - Emma Campbell (Mental Health Worker)**  Emma is working 2 days a week to promote a ‘whole school ‘ approach to mental health. She has been training staff (during lunch hours) in how to deal with pupils with mental health problems which has been of great benefit to their own well-being as well as helping them cope with problems that arise during the school day.  She has been working with S6’s to help them work with the younger years and they have been given skills that they can use once they leave school. There is the opportunity for seniors/staff to take a qualification that they can use in future employment.  The S6’s have been working on a resilience survey, identifying areas which have been successful in tackling mental health problems and areas which have been lacking.  Emma has also worked with S1 pupils using a program called ‘my world of well-being’ which teaches them skills to cope better.  There is a strong link between Fortrose Medical practice (Dr Sally Martin) and the school, working together with children with mental health issues.  Emma has been raising awareness about health and well-being website and resources which are available to all pupils/staff/parents.  The school has been working on a wider scale, with the whole Black Isle community.  The funding for Emma’s time is currently allocated annually. |  |
| **3.**  **4.**  **5.** | **Matters arising from previous minutes**  The problem of the slow booting-up of school ‘base’ computers is still ongoing and the current technical contract is not fit for purpose.  Joe to notify HPCP of the problem to see if they can put pressure on the HC to sort this out. Exams are looming and this problem must be fixed by then.  Joe to ask Jo-Anne to put pressure on the HC through some kind of press release?  Craig Fraser (councillor) has been in to school about this problem and seen it first hand.  Meantime GM is keeping up the pressure/logging calls/waiting for answers.  **Rector’s report**  Gavin explained that staffing reduction due to formula is likely to be 2.0.  Any teaching gaps are not being filled - frozen pending redeployments and budget of current financial year balanced.Posts may be released after this for advert or for probationer allocations  HC Chief Executive are still looking to lose £2 million which means more cut backs across the board.  Parents need to keep putting the pressure on the Government/local parliamentarians to sort out the reduction of staff/subject choices.  **Fundraising**  Joe suggested the following events   1. Race night? April/May 2. Quiz night? 3. Christmas event? 4. Panto? 5. Highland Gathering (end of June)   f) Black Isle Gathering (5th October)  g) Vintage Car Rally (end August)  Parents required to get involved! | JH/GM  JH/SM |
| **6.**  **7.** | **AOB**  **Date of next meeting**  Thursday 9th May 6.30pm |  |