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| Fortrose Academy Parent Council  Minutes of Annual General Meeting  15 November 2018 | | |
|  | **Present**  Gavin McLean (Rector), Joe Hallwood (Co chair) Steve Mclennan (co-chair), Ellen Addison (sec), Jillian Mackenzie (treasurer), Steve Harrison, Craig Stuart (cllr), Jennifer Barclay (Cllr), Becky Nicol, Lisa Fox, Clair Bale (Active schools) |  |
| 1. | **Apologies**  Shona Bowman, Diane Bellshaw, Julie Davidson, Andy Rowlands, Jo-Anne Pugh, Patrick Fox, |  |
| **2.** | **Active schools**  Clair (Bale) outlined the purpose of Active schools, to provide (free) out-of-hours activities for pupils across the Highlands, with the purpose of keeping young people more active. She explained how these activities do require volunteers to run and that these volunteers are ‘under the governance of Highland Council/Highland Highlife)’.  There are two gaps in particular - orienteering/running/x-country which comes under one banner and a Monday pm rowing session at the leisure centre 3.45pm until 5pm.  She would like to encourage parents to come forward or to promote to other adults/school children - they can take part in a paid for leadership program in return for volunteering. There is no need for long term commitment - 4 weeks is also welcomed. |  |
| **3.** | **Matters arising from previous minutes**  Gordon Adams (Cllr) has been contacted by Lisa Fox and Jo-Anne Pugh concerning improving teacher recruitment and a strategy is being put in to place for this.  The National Theatre competition is underway and FA drama club is rehearsing in anticipation. The £200 entry fee was part raised by the drama club with a cake sale which raised £45 and the shortfall made up by the Parent Council. The Drama club wanted to pass on their thanks. |  |
| **3. cont**  **4.**  **5.** | **Minutes arising from last meeting**  **100 Club**  Jo-Anne advised that the next draw will be made on Friday 14th December with the winner receiving £100. She asks that we promote 100 Club at the various upcoming parents evenings.  **Fundraising pages**  Giving Machine and Easy fundraising sites are both in place for people to shop and fundraise. Again, these need promoting.  **Health and Wellbeing**  Postponed until next meeting  **Rector’s report**  Parents information evenings are coming up to explain the usage of chrome books. The roll out is being hampered by the poor return of the user agreement forms, in particular from the senior years.  The WIFI does appear to be coping fine with Chromebook usage. No hitches as yet. The roll out will be gradual, one year group at a time.  Craig Fraser is offering to come in and help feedback to ICT the problems with any school ‘base machines’ which are taking a long time to boot up due to unnecessary programs loading in the background. Gavin to enquire with teachers and feedback to Craig.  GM has had a budget briefing last week and the situation in the Highland Council budget is dire. Essential spend only.  Staff vacancies across the school and especially in ASN and Pupil support.  There are 4 upcoming retirements  A number of virtual learning courses are being offered this session which are all running successfully. | EA/LF/CS  GM |
| 6.  7. | **Increasing parental engagement**  PC will attend the 6th December S1 parents evening and promote our work  **Matters raised by parents**  Can the ski trip include snowboarders? GM will check with Ian Hogg who will run the trip this year.  **Vegetarian and Vegan options in the canteen** - the chef is extremely amenable to this but those people requiring these options must pre-order. | LF/EA/CS  GM |
| 8. | **AOCB**  Many posts on the school website are out of date. Parents to let the school know. EA to check the website and feedback to Cindy Reeves for amending. | EA |
| 9. | **Date of next meeting**  Monday 4th February 2019 |  |