



**Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday 12th November 2019**

In attendance:

Andrew Brawley – Parent Member
Councillor Graham Scott
Gillian Hanna – Chair
Alan Hiddleston – Academy Uniform Ltd.
Elaine Innes – Clerk
Jennifer Livingstone – School Captain
Colin Maybury – Parent Member
Susan McKenzie – Treasurer/ Vice Chair
Hannah Shanks – Parent Member
Colin Stewart – Parent/Staff Member
Murray Stewart – DHT
Liz White – Head Teacher

Apologies:

Sarah Kneller – Parent Member
Councillor Gladys Miller
David Marsden – Staff Member

1. Welcome

- Gillian welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

- Hannah proposed and Andy seconded the minutes from the previous meeting (8/10/19).

3. Alan Hiddleston Academy uniforms limited

- Alan displayed a full selection of items available at Academy Uniform, including blazers, leavers' hoodies and sportswear.
- Alan advised that he could offer the same style as our current blazer with the added benefit of being eco-friendly.
- Blazers cost £32. There are two styles available for both girls and boys.
- Alan stated that there are several advantages to his company supplying uniform such as the locality of the service.
- Alan would be happy to offer in-house school fittings when suitable.
- Alan provided a leaflet with details of the services the company can provide.
- Liz and the Parent Council thanked Alan for taking the time to speak to them and display the garments.

4. Treasurer's Report

- Susan advised that the Parent Council raised £40 from the sale of tea/coffee at the P7 Open Evening. Leaflets promoting the Parent Council were distributed via the school captains.

5. School Captain Report (Jennifer Livingstone)

- Jennifer provided an update on behalf of the school captains. She stated that the captains had three main priorities this session: increasing communication; promoting pupil voice and revitalising the House system.
- Jennifer stated that a 'Community Council' would be created so that all members of the school community can work together. The Captains have also been looking to share information with the school community more effectively via display boards around the school and via the School Captain Twitter account.

6. Matters for Discussion

Christmas Hamper Raffle

- It was agreed that the Parent Council would supply a Christmas hamper for the Christmas Concert on Tuesday 17th December. Donations can be made at the next meeting. Murray confirmed that the Parent Council would be able to offer tea/coffee on the night of the concert.

Forthcoming Events

- S4 Parents' Evening – Thursday 21st November 4:30PM – 6:30 PM
- S5/6 Parents' Evening – Tuesday 3rd December 4:30PM – 6:30 PM

Jackton Primary School Update (Councillor Scott)

- Councillor Scott provided an update on the development of the new Jackton Primary School.
- He stated that the school should officially open in August 2021.

- Planning permission has been formally submitted (October).
- Councillor Scott advised that there have been a few concerns raised at a recent public meeting regarding the fact that roadworks have not yet been started. He will discuss this with Pauline Elliot from SLC Planning tomorrow.
- Councillor Scott will stress the importance of the school opening as planned. He stated that it is vital that staff are allowed early entry to the school in order to set up the building and ensure a smooth transition process.

Parents as Partners Meeting

- There will be a meeting tomorrow (13th Nov) at Council HQ, Almada Street from 6:30 PM. The focus of the conference will be ‘What Matters to Parents.’

Update School Website

- Standing item on agenda to ensure school website is updated with Parent Council information.

Head Teacher’s Report

- Liz stated that there is a 5-year plan to develop Gaelic medium education. This is to ensure we have appropriate provision for pupils. Liz will work alongside a team of teachers, including Ms MacDonald (Gaelic), to work on the project.
- Murray stated that the Remembrance Service was a very successful event. This was a real community event and was embraced by the school and wider community. Many pupils who are members of the cadets took a leading role on the day.
- The school has been recognised for its intergenerational work with the S6 befrienders scheme. The Lord Lieutenant of Lanarkshire, Lady Susan Haughey, visited the school to meet with the pupils and older people they have befriended to hear about the project, and learn about other volunteering and outreach work the pupils undertake in the community.
- The Leadership Academy were involved in litter picking in the local community. S1 and S6 pupils also took part in a sponsored dog walk.

7. Correspondence

- No new correspondence.

8. AOCB

- N/A

Date for next meeting

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 10th of December 2019 6:45 PM**