

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aberdeen City Council Staffing Formula Group set up to look at system of allocation of teacher resources and WTE allocation has been postponed due to the ongoing restructuring. Cults Academy has 58.9 FTE teachers which seems insufficient for the number of pupils. 	
5.	<p><u>The Cost of the School Day.</u></p> <p>5.1 Current measures</p> <p>In order to prevent financial pressure on parents the school limits the number of charity days and only allows hoodies for significant events</p> <p>Recoveries for raw materials kept low and have reduced this year: S1 from £23 to £20 and S2 from £20 to £15</p> <p>Activities weeks across S1 -S3 have changed over recent years and are now limited to one expensive week in S3</p> <p>There is financial support available for this and parents should contact Ms. Muirehead directly.</p> <p>5.2 The Toolkit for Parent Councils</p> <p>This document was introduced, however due to time pressures those present were asked to consider it and it would be raised under matters arising in the January Meeting.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Action: Raise The Cost of the School Day: The Toolkit for Parent Councils in the January meeting under Matters Arising</p> </div>	AM/All
6.	<p><u>Information request regarding the organisation and provision of activities weeks for S1-3 pupils.</u></p> <p>Advised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> S1 week is based around local activities at minimal cost S2 week outdoor activities across three centres due numbers cost limited to £250 S3 wide choice of trips in UK and abroad but with costs limited to max of about £500-600 In all years hardship funding can be made available with support from the Endowment Trust. <p>The group discussed the issue of activities that were suitable for inclusion of every child and it was explained that every effort was made to ensure a positive experience was had by all.</p> <p>After each of the weeks, all the pupils have a chance to give feedback on their time away from school and this is very seriously taken into account for the planning for the subsequent years.</p> <p>Supervision ratio is stipulated by Aberdeen City Council and if it not met, the activity cannot go ahead.</p>	AM/ALL
7.	<p>Update from the Aberdeen Parent Council Forum and Consultations.</p> <p>Parental engagement continues to be central to many of the documents and consultations; TR suggested however that due to the imminent Scottish Government Document specifically regarding parental involvement, further consultation would be best placed to wait until after the Government publication.</p>	TR/ALL
8.	<p><u>Future arrangements for PC meetings.</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the PC meetings were very positive with increased parental engagement, however with the amount of changes within education reflecting on the busy agenda the current system of 4 business meetings, an AGM and a joint PTA/PC meeting needed re-evaluation.</p> <p>It was agreed that into the future the PC will have 6 meeting, including the AGM to which the PTA will be invited and have a social function and 5 usual Parent Council business meetings.</p>	ALL
9.	<p>AOB.</p> <p>9.1 A request was made for a very simple generic Secondary School Calendar of Events, which would give information about the dates of key events such as exams, prelims, activities weeks, and choosing of subjects over the course of the time a pupil would spend at Cults Academy.</p> <p>9.2 Selection of subjects between S2 and S3 - not discussed</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Action: To be an agenda item at the next meeting</p> </div> <p>9.3 Scottish Govt consultation not discussed</p>	

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DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Next PC MEETINGS - Monday the 22nd January 2018 Cults Academy Room 1

Monday 12th March 2018 Cults Academy Room 1

Any parent or guardian of a pupil at Cults Academy is welcome to attend any Parent Council meeting.

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