


	<p>Margaret Marshall of the PTU spot checks bus arrival times. Examination times are not synchronised with the bus times that creates some difficulties.</p> <p>Adverse weather effects – on the first day of the difficult weather conditions all buses except the Anguston and South Deeside buses ran. On the second day the Blacktop bus did not run. The Peterculter bus had to start lower down School Road. A powercut at the Council prevented the issuance of Groupcall texts concerning bus times leading to long waits for some pupils in the cold.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Action: AM to follow-up on suggestion that GPS tracking be made available to pupils</p> </div> <p>2.5 Traffic update</p> <p>Staff presence at drop-off time had made an improvement to driver behaviour. Am explained that the drop-off zone is in the school because it was a planning condition, otherwise drop-off would be in the surrounding roads which are also a good option given the different entrances to the school.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Action: An item on expectations of drivers is to be included in the school newsletter</p> </div>	<p>AM</p> <p>AM</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Head Teacher report</u></p> <p>Cost of School Day – the working group has a new chair although no clear decision has been made on Design & Technology and Home Economics recoveries. The aim is to avoid a culture of continually asking for money, so that events are not always linked to raising money and there is a limit on charity days.</p> <p>Staffing – two English teachers, a new Depute, a curricular support teacher and a Physics teacher have all been recruited and consequently the school is now at a full complement. However, there is a forthcoming retirement in Maths and a number of staff considering opportunities for promotion.</p> <p>Vaping – the detrimental impact of vaping is covered in PSE and regular checks are made both of toilets and surrounding streets. More generally on substance abuse, police liaison have attended the school and there have been a number of exclusions.</p> <p>Costs of software licences are now going to be transferred to schools – cost of Groupcall (£4500), Clickview (£2750), Adobe (£3825)</p>	<p>AM</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Duke of Edinburgh's Award Update</u></p> <p>Silver is still offered but the programme is currently full with pupils undertaking Bronze.</p> <p>Silver likely to be offered again next year. There has been an issue securing training for First Aid (and low hills) with Adventure Aberdeen. Of the 383 pupils who gained a DofE award in Aberdeen City 73 are from Cults (Harlaw where it is offered as part of the curriculum had 71, Grammar 39, Dyce 44, Hazlehead 25). There is the potential to offer DofE for S3s as an option for activities week. The option also exists for pupils to go for an open award and there is also the possibility of completing gold without completing silver.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Action: Consider other training providers for First Aid in preparation for next year.</p> </div>	<p>AM/All</p>

5.	<p><u>Parent Council budget</u></p> <p>Parent Council budget has been drastically cut for year 17/18 to £436.21 from £950. The figure is based on the pupil roll. This change arose from a Council decision on the 23rd of August.</p> <p>Michelle Henderson (Treasurer) distributed a list of eligible spending for Parent Council funds. The current bank balance is approximately £400.</p> <p>Michelle will stand down as Treasurer at the June AGM.</p>	MH/RS
6.	<p><u>Joint Cults Academy ASG Internet Safety Presentation</u></p> <p>RS publicised the forthcoming (Wednesday 21st March) Cults Academy Schools Group (ASG) presentation to parents on internet safety. The advantage of doing this with the ASG is that a number of parents have pupils in both primary and secondary and given the financial pressures spreading opportunities allows for more parents the chance to attend. The presentation will be publicised in the Newsletter and the PC Facebook page. Feedback from previous presentations had been excellent.</p>	RS
7.	<p><u>Update from the Aberdeen Parent Council Forum and current consultations.</u></p> <p>TR gave a brief overview of the new governance arrangements for education in Aberdeen City which will be without a Director of Education, this role being carried out by the Director of Operations, who could be without educational experience. The new structure still has responsibility for education separated from responsibility for recruiting staff, which falls under the Director of Resources. Concern was expressed at this mismatch of accountability and the control over the resources needed to deliver results.</p> <p>The Aberdeen City Parent Forum representatives are to meet the new leader of the Northern Alliance Collaborative which covers a large and diverse area. Given the importance of staffing and teacher vacancies it was agreed that this issue will be central to the conversation at this first meeting.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Action: TR to feedback to the PC the points from discussions of staffing and unfilled teacher vacancies with the new leader of the Northern Alliance Collaborative.</p> </div>	TR
8.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Exit Interviews –the issue of exit interviews as part of staff retention efforts was raised, given the problems recruiting staff. Departing staff are offered the opportunity to complete a questionnaire by the Council HR Department, but this can be anonymous, possibly limiting the usefulness of any feedback.</p>	All
9.	<p><u>DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING</u> <u>Next PC MEETINGS -</u> Monday 14th May 2018 Cults Academy Room 1.</p> <p>Any parent or guardian of a pupil at Cults Academy is welcome to attend any Parent Council meeting.</p> <p>The Parent Council can be emailed at PCCultsAcademy@aberdeen.npfs.org.uk</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-top: 10px;">  <p>fb.me/CultsAcademyPTA or https://www.facebook.com/CultsAcademyPTA</p> </div>	