


<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Discussion of Issues that members of the parent forum wish to raise</u></p> <p>PC email – the immediate need for the new PC to gain access to the PC email, Twitter account and Facebook page was noted. RS updated the PC on progress on the PC email account.</p> <p>Interview Training – it was noted that interview training would be needed for member of the new PC. While the training was relatively simple and could be completed in the evening, the actual interview process could be lengthy requiring attendance at three meetings. Consequently, it was noted that it is important to have a number of PC members trained to ensure availability for any future interviews.</p> <p>New management structure for education at the City Council – AM gave a brief overview of the Council’s new governance structure. Rob Polkinghorne is in charge of a new Operations (?) department that covers a wide range of activities from Schooling to Refuse Collection. Bernadette Oakley was to be Head of Schools (a post required by Statute) but has resigned. 5 officers and 4 service officers report to the Head of Schools.</p> <p>Pupil Teacher Ratios – this was raised as a key issue for Cults Academy as, using data for the Scottish Government website, in comparison to the average for Aberdeen City, Cults Academy is 7 teachers short. Comparison was also made to high performing schools in East Renfrewshire which had a significantly better pupil-teacher ratio than Cults Academy. The allocation of budget for staff within Aberdeen City has been in need of review for some years.</p> <div data-bbox="252 819 1369 904" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Action: Invite Derek Samson of the Council to discuss at a future PC meeting</p> </div> <div data-bbox="252 936 1369 1021" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Action: Share analysis of Scotland wide pupil-teacher ratios</p> </div> <p>Pupil In-School Roles – AM gave an overview of proposals for School Captains and highlighted the areas in which pupils have the opportunity to volunteer in the running of school activities. These included sport, library, baking club, and chess club among others.</p> <p>Staffing – AM stated that three vacancies had arisen – one in English, one for pupil support and one in mathematics that had now been filled.</p> <p>Other issues – RS suggested that all PC members make a number of suggestions for areas of PC focus in the upcoming academic year. RS suggested that an informal PC planning meeting might be useful ahead of the next PC meeting in September.</p> <div data-bbox="252 1429 1369 1514" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Action: Set up informal PC planning meeting</p> </div>	<p>RS</p> <p>AM/VB</p> <p>AM</p> <p>RB</p> <p>RS</p> <p>RMB</p> <p>AM</p> <p>AM</p> <p>RS</p> <p>RS</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Approval of Accounts:</u></p> <p>MH presented the accounts noting the expenditure through the year of £1,350 funding the S4 Live-N-Learn Mindset for Exams (Sept 2017) with £750, Internet Safety Day by PCLS Training (Oct 2017) with £570, and 2x £15 for the provision of childcare to facilitate attendance at the PC.</p> <p>The closing balance of £440.70 was noted as well as the new, 50% reduced 2017/18 allocation of funds of £436.21 (Oct 2017).</p> <p>The accounts were approved</p>	<p>MH</p>

5.	<p><u>Future Meetings</u></p> <p>The following dates (all Mondays) were proposed for PC meetings in the next academic year:</p> <p>3rd September 19th November 21st January 4th March 29th April 3rd June</p>	MH/RS
6.	<p><u>Joint Discussion with PTA</u></p> <p>No joint discussion was held, the PTA having completed their own meeting earlier than expected.</p>	RS
7.	<p><u>DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p><u>Next PC MEETINGS -</u> Monday 3rd September 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 data-bbox="240 969 432 1059" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">  Find us on: facebook® </div> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">fb.me/CultsAcademyPTA or https://www.facebook.com/CultsAcademyPTA</p>	