

## Parent Council Meeting of Cults Academy Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 7-9pm

Attendees Anna Muirhead (AM) Head, Rick Sansom (Acting Chair), Robert Brew (Acting Secretary), Jim Gauld (JG), Vannin Bloch (VB), Kirstin Gove (KG), Daniel Verhamme (DV), Michelle Henderson (MH), Tahar Kouider

Apologies Sonya Angus (SA), Tony Brady, Julia Crighton, Martin Barker, Ros Harper

Agenda	<u>Updates and discussions</u>	Action
items 1.	Introductions, welcome, apologies and confirmation of previous minutes.	RS
	RS provided a report of the Parent Council activities through the year	
2.	Selection of new Parent Council:	RS/AII
	It was noted that attendance at the AGM was poor and that although the meeting date had been published on the PC Facebook page and the school website, the requested Groupcall did not go out.	
	RS thanked retiring PC members and office holders for their service.	
	The following PC members were elected:	
	Kirsten Gove Daniel Verhamme Rick Sansom Robert Brew Tony Brady Julia Crighton Martin Barker Sonya Angus Ros Harper Michelle Henderson Vannin Bloch Tahir Kouider  Jim Gauld was selected as a co-opted member	
	Rick Sansom was elected Chair Robert Brew was elected Secretary	
	Daniel Verhamme was elected Treasurer	
	It was noted that there should be some way of ensuring S1 representation on the PC at the start of the new academic year. The possibility of pupil representation was also discussed.	
	Action: Propose to co-opt a number of S1 parents to the PC in August	RS
	It was also noted that the PC would have to select a new representative for the Aberdeen City PF	

3.	Discussion of Issues that members of the parent forum wish to raise	
	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.	RS
	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.	AM/VB
	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.	AM
	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.	RB
	Action:	RS
	Invite Derek Samson of the Council to discuss at a future PC meeting	
	Action:	RMB
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5.	<u>Future Meetings</u>	MH/RS
	The following dates (all Mondays) were proposed for PC meetings in the next academic year:	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> September	
	19 <sup>th</sup> November	
	21 <sup>st</sup> January	
	4 <sup>th</sup> March	
	29 <sup>th</sup> April	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> June	
6.	Joint Discussion with PTA	RS
	No joint discussion was held, the PTA having completed their own meeting earlier than expected.	
7.	DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING	
	Next PC MEETINGS -	
	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2018 Cults Academy Room 1.	
	Any parent or guardian of a pupil at Cults Academy is welcome to attend any Parent Council meeting.	
	The Parent Council can be emailed at <a href="mailto:PCCultsAcademy@aberdeen.npfs.org.uk">PCCultsAcademy@aberdeen.npfs.org.uk</a>	
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