

## **Minutes of Kaimhill School Parent Council AGM Meeting held on**

**Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at 2.00 pm in Kaimhill School**

### **1. APOLOGIES** Julie, Carol Ann, June

### **2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES**

These were proposed by Colleen Castillo and seconded by Alanna Watson

### **3. PRESENTATION BY AFFCT**

Ross from AFC was invited to give an overview of the working partnership that AFFCC has with Kaimhill School. Ross delivered a presentation on the Community Champions League, the current programme being delivered by the AFC Community Trust, a partner school initiative being done through Pupil Equity Fund. Selected clubs from across Europe were invited to take part in a league competition in Holland. There are 8/9 clubs involved including Aberdeen Football Club to deliver the programme. The chosen age group is P4-P7 with mixed gender & ability, the schools involved in Aberdeen are split into 2 groups, Group 1 [Kaimhill, Tullos & Loirston] and Group 2 [Manor Park, Heathryburn & Cornhill]. There are 3 areas of criteria whereby your school can earn points -

1. Playing football matches (5 aside)
2. Learning Workshops (funding comes from EU)
3. Social Action

There is strong encouragement on carrying out Community tasks eg. Beach Cleans, Visiting Care Homes and for Learning Workshops eg. First Aid, Health/Wellbeing. It's a points based structure system and evidence of the tasks is required for allocation of points for the school.

### **4. PRESENTATION BY CASTLE LEADERS**

Mrs Webster welcomed the Castle Leaders who gave their introduction and explained the work being done within the Pupil Groups, now called COGS (Collecting Opinions to Grow our School). The various groups meet weekly and collaborate together to improve the school through collective action. An example from the Health & Wellbeing Group included introducing 'Water Wednesday' and 'Fruity Friday.' They shared the seven 'Learner Characteristics' relating to the 'Learning Pit' and went on to give a rendition of the Kaimhill school song, which was greatly received.

## **5. CHAIR PERSON'S REPORT** see attached.

## **6. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Alanna presented approximate figures, Income £6,700, Spend £8,567 leaving a current balance of £8000.

## **7. SCHOOL REPORT**

Mrs Webster started by thanking everyone for coming along, and thanked Colleen and Allana for their continued work and support and their shared understanding of the school. She handed out two information sheets - the School Improvement Plan 2019/20 detailing priorities for this year which also includes reducing the costs of the school day. Mrs Webster explained the basis of the SIP is to help equip our youngsters to go on and become better adults. The other handout was the Good Practice Guide relating to role of the Parent Council in its statutory context, the local context and the school context. The aim is to engage parents more in school policies, communications, sharing of learning and school event dates.

## **8. ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE PARENT COUNCIL**

Existing members present agreed to continue as members, any new members wanting to join would be much welcomed.

## **9. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

Office bearers remained unchanged:

**Chairperson** - Colleen Castillo,

**Vice Chairperson** - Katie Rose,

**Treasurer** - Allana Watson,

**Secretary/Admin** - June Rae.

All help is greatly appreciated. The next meeting will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

## Attachment

### Parent council AGM 25/9/19 - Chairperson Report, Colleen Castillo

I feel the parent council have had a good year, we've been very busy and although we are a small group, I feel we have achieved lots.

We have been working in partnership with the school and have enjoyed attending the partnership breakfasts and the P7's Burns supper as well as being involved in discussing the school's improvement plan and their thematic inspection. Even though we are a small group I think we do a good job of gathering most parents' views by speaking to parents in the playground as well as asking for views by sending letters home.

Unfortunately, our fundraising group has not had any new members, but we continue to encourage new parents/carers to support us through helping at discos and fairs as well as asking for ideas and support through our fundraising Facebook page. We will continue to push this again this year in the hope we can generate some more support. Fundraising for the school is so important, more so now with all the budget cuts!!

Since the last AGM we have held 2 fun discos and a successful Christmas and summer fair. These all seemed to be enjoyed by those who attended them. The discos generate some funds for the parent council, the children seem to really enjoy them and the P7 pupils loved being the DJs and did a great job! We are hoping this year's P7s will also enjoy helping with the music.

Our Christmas and summer fairs generated around £2000 profit each. We had several people comment on how much they enjoyed the summer fair with one saying 'it was the best summer fair yet' so we are very proud of that and hopefully next years will be even better!

As I said, fundraising for the school is so important. In the past year, after consulting with parents, pupils and teachers we have been able to financially support the school and pupils with several things including –

- £1000 towards new books

- £600 towards new dyslexia friendly books

- scooters, helmets and storage for the courtyard

- new printed netball t-shirts and equipment for the netball team

- 40 outdoor, all weather suits for the nursery (allowing all children to enjoy their 'forest Fridays' whatever the weather)

- helmets for the nursery and a new water butt to enhance the children's outdoor play

- we contributed towards the panto the children enjoyed in school at Christmas time.

- all the school's bikes were fixed and serviced, and new helmets bought

-coloured dyslexia towers for each classroom were also purchased

-we paid for some of the school's subscriptions including,

-Individual learning diary for the nursery

-Twinkl for school resources and

-Charanga which supports teachers with music lessons

Again, parent council contributed £30 per P7 child towards their Cromdale trip and we hope to do that again this year.

We hope to continue to support the school in any way we can and we always welcome new members to both the parent council and fundraising group.