

CROWN PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL AGM

Monday 26th August 2019 6.30pm

AGM Agenda

1. Welcome and apologies

Attendees: Ross Waldie, Andrew Campbell, Alison Reid, Ian MacDonald, Paul Rodden, David Mudie, Miriam MacDonald, Peta Harris, Amy Cameron, Susan Catto.

Apologies: Angela Jack, Hester Morgan, Claire Boyd, Pete Roxburgh, Gail McKean.

2. Minutes of 2018 AGM

Proposed by David, seconded by Miriam.

3. Chairperson's report by Louise

We have had good attendance at our PC meetings this past year, and have seen an increase in the number of people coming to meetings, which would be great to build upon further.

Alongside other parent councils and parents, we again this year lobbied Highland Council in response to their decision to cut Additional Support Needs (ASN) in Highland Schools. Unfortunately, the ASN cuts have gone ahead across the region, resulting in a cut of both ASN teacher hours and PSA hours across schools, including here at Crown School.

Following targeted fundraising last year at our school fetes plus a Common Good Fund grant, re-surfacing of the all-weather pitch has now taken place and the work is complete.

In terms of fundraising this year, SOCS have had two very successful fetes, and as a result our bank balance is now very healthy.

Vladimir has been working hard liaising with staff in the setting up of a new school website, which will hopefully come on-line soon. We will have a dedicated Parent Council page, which we can use to increase our profile and accessibility with the wider parent body.

At the request of the school, Susan has been researching costs and options for playground markings which will provide both entertainment and learning opportunities for the pupils. We have costings in place, and if the school wish to pursue this they can now take this forward as we currently have the funds available to cover the costs.

In June, we gave each class a budget of £300 for them to spend on year end trips, in the hope that this would give some parity across all classes with regards to locations and types of class trips as it had been noted that in previous years the experiences of the children was quite varied. Class teachers then involved the children in helping to decide what year end trip they would like. I think this has worked well, and is something that we look to continue in future years.

In summary, it has been a productive year, though also disappointing that Highland-wide parent council and parental lobbying has not been able to reverse council decisions to cut funding to schools.

I would like to thank all members of our Parent Council for their input over this past year in helping to shape discussions and support the school, and particular thanks not only to the other office bearers for fulfilling their “duties”, but also to the individuals who have worked on specific projects on behalf of the parent council.

Finally, also a very big thank you to Miriam and the staff for working tirelessly to teach, nurture and encourage our children on their learning journey!

4. Treasurer’s report

Started with a healthy balance as we had raised significant funds for the all-weather pitch but only had to give the £9500 which we received from the Goodwill fund. Currently sitting at £12800. Larger funding requests granted this year include £2.5k for PA equipment, £1.1k for Digital Technologies and £1.5k for Sophie Donald dance tuition. Known expenses over the coming year include - playground markings (£2500ish), school trips (had allocated £10 per pupil this year and classes had voted and budgeted for their chosen trip), we also paid for P7 yearbooks printing and a small amount towards a party on the last day of term for them. Future PC need to decide if these are still viable outgoings.

5. Resignation of Current Members and Office Bearers and Election of New Members and Office Bearers

Pete Roxburgh is stepping down as a member. Peta and Ewan Harris joining as members along with Alison Reid and Paul Rodden. Amy Cameron continuing as Treasurer, Susan Catto proposed by Louise and seconded by Peta as Chairperson, Andrew Campbell will be Vice Chair after being proposed by Keren and seconded by Miriam and Ian MacDonald was proposed by Louise and seconded by Peta as Secretary. Keren and Louise standing down as office bearers but will remain on the parent council.

6. Any other business

None

7. Date and time of next AGM

To be decided at Summer Term 2020 PC meeting.