

DRUMOAK SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes of AGM – 12 September 2017

PRESENT: G Robertson, P Wilson, G McPetrie, V Stewart, M Slater, L Mackinnon, K Warren, M Fraser, G Redman, N Reith, J Johnson, S Goncalves

APOLOGIES: F Thomson, K Lennox, V Anderson, J Currie, L Rose, S Smithers

GR welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Presentation – Gwen Robertson, Chairperson

GR shared information about the work of the School Council, over the past year, and urged the group to encourage others to get involved to bring fresh ideas.

Presentation – Paul Wilson, Headteacher

PW referred to coming changes in the running of schools, in relation to the governance review, which could make things trickier in the future. Head teachers will work to do their best for pupils throughout these changes.

PW explained 'The Big Conversation' – Maria Walker (Director for Education & Children's Services) wants to engage with schools and communities across Aberdeenshire, to find out the main issues and concerns. Questionnaires were completed by all present, as a sample from the school.

On Monday, the school will issue a Standards and Quality Report, which is prepared annually, reflecting on how the school is doing. Although no notice has been given, it is likely that the school may undergo an HMI Inspection in the near future, as the last one was in 2008. The school staff continually self-evaluate how the school is doing. This year, the focus for development will be on Numeracy, fine tuning new Assessment and Reporting approaches which were piloted last session and further developing the Growth Mindset initiative.

PW thanked the Parent Council for fundraising efforts and for sharing views and being a forum for discussion, working hard to support the children and staff. He looks forward to another busy year ahead and will look at the calendar at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

This has been a very successful year of fundraising, with the current balance being considerably higher than is normal for the beginning of the new school year, with the wind farm grant being taken into consideration. The current balance is over £5000 but it should be noted that there are some outgoings to be deducted from this, such as the projector, which is an expensive item.

In comparison to last year, Easy Fundraising did not generate as much funds as normal. NR suggested that this should be promoted again. SG offered to help with the promotion of fundraising efforts and will join the fundraising group. GM suggested making SG an admin on the Facebook page for this.

Office Bearers

Current office bearers were all happy to continue in their roles, this was supported by the rest of the group:

	PROPOSED	SECONDED
CHAIR PERSON Gwen Robertson	Louise MacKinnon	Janine Johnson
SECRETARY Gillian McPetrie	Gwen Robertson	Marion Slater
TREASURER Nicola Reith	Gwen Robertson	Gillian McPetrie
VICE CHAIR Karen Warren	Louise MacKinnon	Marion Slater

Louise MacKinnon will co-ordinate the fundraising group.

Szilvia Goncalves has joined the group as a new member.

Trish Amundrud will stand down.

All other current group members will remain.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 7 November, 7.00 pm

Fundraising Meeting – Louise MacKinnon's house – 27 September