

Tain Royal Academy Parent Council Meeting and AGM Minutes

Date: Wednesday 21st September 2016

Apologies: Chris Ross, Alison Scott, Roslyn Oliver Jones, Angela Main. Stephen Bryce, Andrew MacKenzie

Attending: Amanda Fulton, Ann Alan, Mark Jones, Emma Macdonald, Wendy Hennam, Dave Mercer, Kirsty Gordon, Iain Morrison, Karen Henderson, Nina Westwater, Duncan McDonald, Alastair Ansboro, Jo Parks, Fiona Robertson, Rosslyn Borland, David Borland Donald Beaton, **Freya Morrison, Leanne Munro**

- Minutes from previous meeting. Accepted as accurate.
- Parent Council commitment to provide a House Trophy carried. KH This Trophy will be awarded to the leading house, rewards for houses based on additional efforts such as positive behaviour, attire, SEMUS appraisals etc. The EPRAISE system is being looked into which would allow parental involvement but requires a licence and has costs involved. School captains report that the attitude has been positive towards the changes.

Below is a table of the new House Captains who all deserve recognition.

Houses:	Garrick	Duthus	Struy
House Leaders:	Mr Agnew and Mrs Scott	Mr Ansbro and Mrs Humble	Miss Marshall and Mr Carlton
Deputy House Leaders	Mrs Geens and Mr Young	Mrs Sutherland and Mr Trimble	Mrs Wood and Mr Nicoll
SMT	New Depute	Mrs Farrell	Mr Jones
Senior House Captain	Alice MacKenzie Douglas Ross	Fergus Farrell Ashley Connor	Cameron Gray Linzi Main
Senior House Vice Captain	Anya MacGillvray Rory Murdoch	Bailey Nelson Connor Bett	Finn As- Chainey <i>Lauren McCulluch</i>
Junior House Captain	Maria Smith Kenzie Innes	Isla Mackenzie Mathew Coteze	Struan Oliver-Jones Chloe Mackay
Junior House Vice Captain	Zara Beattie Lewis White John kidd	Hunter Ross Maree Wood	Aiden Stainkie Rhyian Skinner

- In response to the 4.5 day week, TRA is looking into providing a breakfast club to assist pupils with managing breaks and balanced nutritional levels. Regarding the bus service Rapsons and HRC are contract changing regarding the pickup times on Friday. The curriculum changes have been beneficial to subjects who had a requirement for longer periods, such as Art and HE. Plus time allows for further assistance to aid the student and management learning and understanding of each subject. Building the structure of the pupils' ownership of their work, their goals and their achievements. Out of school clubs are also growing and improving. Action KH re buses. FR for email for new Stagecoach and Rapsons contacts. WH
- School Lunch prices, are available on the website. The shortening of lunch breaks has had a positive effect on pupils' behaviour. Consideration is being given to staggering lunches to permit a greater choice on a rotation system.
- School Captains' Report. The PC welcomed Breigha Morrison and Leanne Munro as school captains, Breigha reported that the sponsored walk will be held on the 7th October which has now been confirmed, and will be slightly shorter to ensure pupils travel on the last day of term. There is a proposed trip to Malawi for 8 persons, the School captains are looking for fundraising ideas for this June 2017 trip. The pen pal letters to Malawi are ongoing, and the hopes for interactive internet enabled classes and emails between the paired schools. In November there will be a charity fund raising event in support of Children in Need. The School Captains would like the junior years to get involved with extracurricular activities such as helping out with parents evenings to increase involvement and promote leadership opportunities.
- School news update Caitlin Jack won MFR musician of the year award as seen on Facebook. The insight data has been postponed. The staff are participating in CPD learning lunches, cooperative learning and coaching & mentoring of each other, sharing skills, teaching techniques and ideas. Mark Jones attending Linlithgow Academy on 3rd and 4th October. The Inspection will begin at 12:30 pm on Tuesday 29th November and end at 12:30 on Thursday 1st December. The school inspection commences on 28th November for 3 days. TRA showing below the highland average for NAT5 achievement.
- Raising attainment, self-evaluation, learning and teaching in the classroom there have been improvements with S5 and S5 view, insight data however shows S4 is lower. The comparison with previous achievements and the virtual comparison schools.
- Staff health and wellbeing is being tested.
- There have been several teachers who have taken on additional roles.
- **Deputy Rectors position appointment. Ross Waldie.**

- The next PC meeting due to inspection the next PC may be moved dates to be confirmed.
- Learning lunches on Thursdays, learning with cooperative teaching and cooperative learning CPDs being delivered by Mark. Consideration into getting parents to a meeting with the inspectors.
- Change to Education Committee FR ECAs committee council is split into services ECAs takes care of the health side of the committee, the councillors make decisions of the strategic way forward budgets, new schools, councillors religious educators and spaces on the committee for HCPCF highland council parent council forum, the chairman has come on the committee. Fergus Ewing. Committee is looking at the management of schools and having workshops with the head teachers. Parent council thanked FR for her involvement in promoting the inclusion of a PC representative.
- WH/KH contact stagecoach regarding the provision of Double decker. Invite Stagecoach and the police to the next meeting. Meeting with the police liaison for the school. Letter to Stagecoach and highland council Director of community services William Gillfillan WH. Letters have been sent and invitations to attend a meeting has been accepted.
- Super school. Please look at the Highland council website for the plans and development strategies that are. FR requested that the PC writes a letter of support of the all-weather pitch importance and encouragement to develop this quickly. IM
- Treasurer's report accepted for AGM and have been accepted by bank. All grants received until new 2016/17 session starts.
- Badges for the houses. AA.
- Iain Morrison stepped down as Chair, the PC thanks him for his exemplary service Wendy Hennem was proposed by IM and seconded by Jo Parks. Vice Chair David Borland remains proposed by DB seconded by KG Amanda Fulton self nominated for Treasurer, seconded by David Borland. Secretary Karen Henderson self nominated and seconded by Iain Morrison. 1st of December..

Next Meeting – 6.45pm Thursday 1st December (NB clash with Panto and Inspector Visit)