

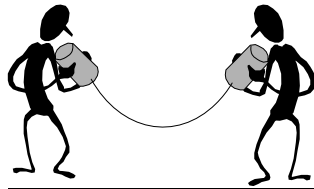
TRA PARENT COUNCIL

INFO PACK/GUIDE

OUTLINE:

Purpose of this guide is to explain what the Parent Council does and how you can be involved.

PARENT COUNCIL ROLE:



- The Parent Council is a means of the school and the parents (as represented by the Parent Council) having a useful method of communicating with each other.
- The school can inform the parents what is going on.
- The parents can raise issues that they have with the school which they would not otherwise have the opportunity to raise.
- It is not restricted to just parents as pupils and representatives of the community (such as Councillors) can also be part of the Parent Council.
- In order to be as inclusive as possible TRA Parent Council takes the view that every parent of a pupil at TRA is automatically a member of the Council (whether they choose to attend or not)

OFFICE BEARERS:



TRA Parent Council has the present Office Bearers:

Chairman - Iain Morrison (parent)
Vice Chair - Fiona Robertson (parent and councillor)
Secretary - Peter MacIntyre (parent)
Treasurer - Donald Beaton (parent)

The School Captains, Iseabail Moffat and Dan Smith attend. The Rector and Depute Rector also attend.

COMMUNICATION:



- ❖ Meetings are held every 2 months in September, November, January, March and May.
- ❖ Normally notices will be handed out advising of the meetings via email or via the pupils.
- ❖ To ensure you are on the contact list and receive all communications from the Parent Council please send your email address and details of your pupil to traparentcouncil@hotmail.co.uk.

FORMAT OF MEETINGS:



- Whilst the meetings have a formal structure the meetings themselves are fairly relaxed and everyone's opinion is welcome.
- The meeting will have an agenda which normally lists
 - a. Chairman welcome and note of apologies
 - b. Brief discussion and approval of minutes from previous meetings
 - c. Treasurer's Report
 - d. Rector's Report and School Captains' Reports
 - e. Any other business

Any other business simply relates to the current concerns or relevant issues affecting the school.

Tain Parent Council has recently introduced a Question and Answer (Q&A) format where questions may be emailed in advanced to the Parent Council for specific members of the Parent Council to consider and answer. Questions can also be raised at the meeting.

WHAT CAN BE RAISED OR PUT ON THE PARENT COUNCIL AGENDA



Absolutely anything that relates to the school. If it is important to you it's important to the Parent Council. For example issues raised recently were problems with buses, uniform issues, litter, after school activities and National 5 exams.

WHAT IS MY ROLE?



Individual parents can choose to be involved as little or as much as they wish to. From one extreme they can be office bearers or to the other extreme they can simply be recipients of information from the Parent Council in order to be kept up to date with what is going on.

Attending the Parent Council does not oblige you to ask questions or take up any position of responsibility. It can simply be a good way of being kept in the school loop.

WHAT CAN THE PARENT COUNCIL ACHIEVE?



LOTS!

The Parent Council has an opportunity for the parents to give constructive criticism of the school and raise concerns where they feel the school is not performing satisfactorily.

Conversely the Parent Council can note its support of the school where the school is performing well. If members of the Parent Council have particular skills that the school can utilise this is the perfect forum for them to be offered to support the school.

ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS?



If you have any further queries please email the Parent Council on traparentcouncil@hotmail.co.uk