

ALVES PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL

MINUTES : PARENT COUNCIL

Held at Alves Primary School : 22 February 2010 at 6.30pm

Present	Morag Young (Chair), Sean Pritchard, James McLeman (HT), Craig Young(Sec), Ewan Lawson, Robert Hair (HT Kinloss Primary), Faith Eagles, Heather George, Denise Kelly, Janice Goodall
Apologies	Emer Pritchard

	ITEM	DISCUSSION & DECISIONS	ACTION
1	Attendance/Apologies	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2	Matters arising from minutes of last meeting	The minutes of the last Parent Council Meeting (18 Jan 2010) were agreed as accurate with the following corrections. Item 7. Should read Gary MacFadyen not Craig MacFadyen Proposed MY Seconded CY	
3	Treasurer Report	SP will be acting treasurer in addition to EP . The financial accounts will in future be aligned to financial rather than school years. SP Informed the meeting that there was £1345.13 in the bank account. A summary of the current financial position is given in appendix 1.	
4	Moray Council Draft Principles for a Paired Headteacher Model	The draft principles were discussed at length and the agreed comments in the form of a return to Moray Council are given in appendix 2.	
5	Homework	The Parent Council are due to review the Alves homework policy in the summer term. However, it was felt that the current homework policy did not always reflect actual homework practices which have undergone some changes since last summer. Therefore, JM agreed to familiarise himself with the current homework practises in Alves and communicate changes to the policy e.g. Highland Literacy Project. RH suggested a Homework workshop with parents may be beneficial.	JM
6	Parent Volunteers/Skills including Junior Librarian	JM informed the meeting that he wished to promote 'Employer Engagement' or utilise parents skills in the classroom. He suggested asking for volunteers to come into the school and share their specialist expertise. However, as parents had been approached at the 'Beatle Drive' event and asked to fill out returns it was felt that it would be inappropriate to ask again until these returns had been processed. JM agreed to find out what happened to the returns filled in at the 'Beatle Drive'.	JM
7	Website	JM informed the meeting that the school website was not fully under control of the school. In order to exercise full exclusive control of the website, an annual administrative fee may have to be paid. Currently Mr Campbell, the P1-4 class teacher, is researching the best options for the school. RT advised that Mr Campbell had previously been involved with the Auldearn Primary school website- www.auldearnprimary.org . Update to be given at next meeting.	JM

8	Walking Bus	The 'walking bus' event occurs on the last Friday of every month. Previously, it was under the control of the school. However, JM is keen that, in-line with other schools, it is run by parents. JM agreed to contact parents living in the village, and to liaise with Marion McPhee, with regard to parents taking it over.	JM
9	Sports Day	Due to limited time during the meeting it was agreed to discuss the sports day at the next meeting.	
10	Correspondence and Parent Council News	1. Invitation to Parent Council Representatives Meeting 16 + Learning Choices - Milnes High School – Wednesday 17 March 7.00p.m. 2. Invitation to Forres Academy Parent Council Cheese and Wine evening on Thursday 20 th May 2010. 3. Letter from SNP opposition group ref budget cuts. Details of Moray Council Revenue budget can be found on Moray Council website – www.moray.gov.uk	
11	AOCB	EL informed the meeting that he and ML resigned from the parent council with immediate effect. MY thanked them for their assistance over the last 2 years. FE informed the meeting that due to work commitments, she and her family may have to move at short notice in the future. MY thanked her for all her help on Parent Council and Fundraising Group.	
12	Date of next meeting	The date for the next meeting is Monday the 26 th of April 2010 at 1830hrs.	

Appendix 1

ALVES PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL (INCL FUNDRAISING GROUP)**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FROM APR 09 TO MAR 10**

BANK BALANCE AS AT 6 MARCH 2009 £3,082.89

INCOME

QUIZ NIGHT	23/06/2009	£24.00
MORAY COUNCIL ALLOCATION	03/07/2009	£353.00
FOOTBALL FUN NIGHT	11/09/2009	£74.00
BEETLE DRIVE	18/11/2009	£82.00
INTEREST		£2.00

TOTAL INCOME		£535.00
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AVAILABLE FUNDS (by calculation)		£1,345.13
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BANK BALANCE	18/01/2010	£1,345.13
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EXPENDITURE

TOMBOLA PRIZES & SUNDRIES	19/03/2009	£76.62
SCHOOL - TRACKSUITS	22/05/2009	£604.89
QUIZ BOOKS	31/07/2009	£13.95
AWARDS FOR ALL - WALL TAX	27/08/2009	£1,212.37
F/FUN NIGHT SUNDRIES	24/09/2009	£11.56
SCHOOL - COUNCIL ALLOCATION	24/09/2009	£353.00
TAX DEDUCTED		£0.37

TOTAL EXPENDITURE		£2,272.76
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APPENDIX 2

DRAFT PRINCIPLES FOR A PAIRED HEADTEACHER MODEL FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

RESPONSE FORM

Parent Council

1) Comments on 'Background'

Economic effects should be mentioned.

Further details of research evidence should be referenced.

2) Comments on 'Principles for Pairing'

Consultation with Parent Council before pairing goes ahead should be required.

Guidelines on 'proximity'.

3) Overall/General comments

Is this budget driven or quality driven?

Management equality and fairness across both schools have to be monitored.

1. We think that the Council should have the flexibility to consider appointing a paired headteacher to small schools in Moray in line with the principles in the consultation document.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
	✓			

*Please tick one box

Name MORAG YOUNG Parent Alves Primary School (meeting held 22 Feb 2010)
(Chair) Council

(For Parent Council responses)