



Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Tuesday 3rd March 2020

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| Welcome and attendees | <p>PC Attendees: Shona Ulrichsen, Charlotte Tindall, Kirsty Pirrie, Gillian Watt, Sheona Craig, Andy Robertson, Alva Academy: Mr McEwan, Mrs Brown</p> <p>Parents: Cath Bain, Amanda Burke [new member as parent rep from Tanzania 2021], Suzanne Smith [new member]</p> <p>Whitney Barrett [Principal Educational Psychologist], Sarah Paul [Seconded to help in Schools Counselling Project]</p> | |
| Apologies for absence | Tracey Smiley, John Baxter, Andy Witty, Pauline McKerracher, Michael Grassom | |
| Approval of last minutes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the last meeting [21st January] were approved. • Follow up to action points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Blackpool trip – PVGs are needed. School to advertise opportunity for parents to help on trip. ○ Mrs McTurk – Family learning and parental engagement. Item to be on next meeting agenda. ○ 100 Club – GDPR – Jackie Bateman has updated Parent Pay with a tick box for all new members. Need to contact all current members to gain consent to handle their data. SU has drafted a letter to be sent, with link to school website for completion of GDPR form. | |
| Whitney Barrett, Principal Education Psychologist | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whitney gave a talk about “Driving change in mental health for children and families’. [aged 10+] • This is a new council transformation project, only recently shared with Headteachers. • The focus is on transformation – complete/radical change to whole organisation/system over time. • Whitney used the analogy of an apple to explain transformation. You can cut an apple in many ways or add more apples but what you really need for transformation is a blue orange! • The project is driven by national drivers, evidence-based risk and local priorities. Local priorities are very important as the project has to be in local context, looking at the needs of the children and families in the community. | |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bringing all the professionals together – eg, GP, well-being worker, guidance teacher, counsellor, Camhs to discuss individual children to establish who/how best to help each child. This would hope to bring benefits such as easing pressure on Camhs, focussing the right support needed for each child and children only having ‘to tell their story once’. Many issues around this including sensitivity and data consent. ○ Counselling support by September 2020 for all 3 LA schools. Pilot in Alva before September. ○ Set up of a mental health hub for young people to meet /access to support. • WB asked for feedback: One parent mentioned the importance of supporting resilience in children. Whitney agreed and said that well-being workers, school counsellors and PSE programme would support this. If needed, more focus/ support could be put into this. | <p>SU to follow up with Whitney with parent group to assist with project.</p> |
| HT Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr McDowell has updated the school website – looking much improved and fit for purpose. • Columbia 1400: After 14 months funding is now approved. This will start in April with a second group in November. Very high level of interest from 2nd and 3rd years [180]. From this, 15 pupils have been selected for the first group. • Option Choice Evening: S3 to S4 and S4 to S5. Positive feedback from evening and ok attendance. Mr McEwan is committed to finding a solution for all pupils to get the choice they want. • Staffing: Currently 63 – to be increased to 70. Increase in S1 for 2020/21, school roll will be up to 940. • About to be a huge consultation process. Questions to parents coming out in the next couple of weeks. • 31st March consultation [part of Council looking for staff, parental and pupil feedback] still hoping to go ahead. | |
| Treasurer Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £2,626.02 balance [though this includes 100 Club]. • 2 x £50 prizes paid out in Jan for 100 Club. | |
| Events/fundraising update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 Club: SU suggested this is separated from fundraising as it is a big job. Would like to have a proper brochure made up for 100 Club. • Ladies lunch [PMcK update given by CT]: Raffle prize letters issued and 3 prizes received so far. Caterer booked and PMcK liaising with silent disco. Ticket prize may need to rise to £25 depending on price they come back with. Hoping to get tickets on sale by the end of the week. • Tanzania 2021: Amanda Burke is the new parent rep from this trip for expedition planning and | |



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| | fundraising. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SU said that 'Tanzania 2021' would need to be set up as a sub-group of the parent council and asked for consent from members present at the meeting. • AB requested to use Alva Academy car park for a car boot sale. Mr Forrester/AMEY looking into this but Mr McEwan could not see a problem with this but it needs finalising. • Easy fundraising: SU suggested that it would be better to have a school wide account so that Tanzania group can access it when they need it. | All members were happy for this new sub-group to be set up. |
| AOB | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None | |
| Date of next meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29th April 2020. | |