

## BANCHORY ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL (BAPC)

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 5 September 2019

**Present (current members):** Katie Davies, Kate Ellison, Megan Hare (Chair), Scott Newey (Vice-Chair), Jeanne Ritchie (Treasurer) and Alison Smart (Secretary).

**In attendance:** Johan Arijs, Ruth Duddy, Cheryl Gibb and Andrea Hale.

**Apologies:** Trish Amundrud, Cllr Rosemary Bruce, Jacqueline Conroy, Vikki Duncan, Rebecca Glansbeek, Colin MacLeod, Jill Matthew, Andrea Peake, Cllr Anne Ross, Marion Strassberg, Linda Stromberg and Jeff Wallace.

#### Action

#### 1. MINUTE OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the AGM meeting held on 30 August 2018 were formally approved. There were no matters arising.

#### 2. PARENT COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT

Megan Hare, outgoing Chair, gave an oral report on the activities and events of the past year, which highlighted the following:-

- There had been a full complement of 16 BAPC members in 2018/19, with all school years represented. It had been another busy year with eight meetings all of which were well attended; thanks were extended to all members of the BAPC, as well as to parents from the wider Parent Forum who had attended, the two School Captains, and the three local councillors for their support in relation to many issues. All those attending had contributed towards supporting the ongoing strong contact between parents and the school. The work of the teachers was also recognised and thanks extended to staff who had attended meetings to update members on various issues.
- BAPC had discussed and responded to various concerns raised by parents and the wider community including: uniform; off-campus pupil behaviour; bullying; mobile phones; drainage at Tillybrake; Drumoak school bus; swimming pool; new academy; local development planning etc. Some of these issues were still current.
- Notable activity and achievements throughout the year included:
  - o Working alongside the PTA to organise and support a very successful fundraising evening with music from the school's Soul Academy band.
  - o Submission of a response to the Main Issues Report in relation to a "site for educational use", including engagement and discussion with the cluster primaries during the consultation period to encourage their input.
  - o Significant efforts by **SN** and **CM** to deliver the Duke of Edinburgh award to S3 pupils.
  - o Lunchtime careers talks and a tour of My World of Work for parents (**MH**).
  - o Development of procedures for parent communication with the school (**SN**).
  - o Participation in several working groups in key areas i.e. literacy, numeracy, and careers.
- Members would continue to work on the following:-
  - o Parental involvement in schools, which was vital in the face of decreasing resources.
  - o Maintenance of the BAPC Facebook pages (**LS**).
  - o Maintenance of strong links with feeder primaries.

- Improving communications with the wider Parent Forum.
- Attendance at Parents Evenings.
- Careers Fair scheduled for 30 September 2019.
- Information evenings for parents.

### 3. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Jeanne Ritchie, treasurer, presented accounts for the year ending 31 July 2019. One payment of £499.65 had been received from Aberdeenshire Council for use by the Parent Council. A small amount had been used to pay website expenses (£63.21) and a further small amount was due for Chair's expenses (travel etc.). The closing balance for the year was £1669.53.

### 4. **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS 2019/20**

The appointment of the following Office Bearers was approved:

Scott Newey: Chair (new appointment)  
Linda Stromberg: Vice-Chair (new appointment)  
Jeanne Ritchie: Treasurer (re-elected)  
Alison Smart: Secretary (re-elected)

In addition, the following 10 existing members had indicated a desire to retain their membership:

Trish Amundrud  
Jaqueline Conroy  
Katie Davies  
Vikki Duncan  
Kate Ellison  
Rebecca Glansbeek  
Megan Hare  
Colin MacLeod  
Jill Matthew  
Jeff Wallace

The following 2 parents present at the AGM indicated a desire to become members:

Ruth Duddy  
Andrea Hale

Approval of the above completed the appointment of a full Parent Council for 2019/20.

Sincere thanks were extended to the outgoing Chair, Megan Hare, who had completed a very active and busy 2-year term as Chair to the Parent Council, and would continue as a member.

**MH**