

Academy Council Meeting
Culloden Primary A Paradigm Academy
Thursday 18/01/2016

Chair: Alesa Rahman (AR)

Present: Jeff Martin (JM), Ben Carter (BC), Husna Begum (HB), Monwara Khatun (MK), Rajshree Laturia (RL)

Parent/carers: 2 Parent/carers present

Apologies: Amanda Fox (AF), Sakina Syed (SS)

Meeting commenced: 9:15am

Minutes: Claire Brunning (CB)

Item		Action
1.	Introduction	
	AR welcomed everyone present. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alesa has written an introductory post for to be included in the next newsletter. • Minutes from this and future meetings with be added to an area on the school website, which will be created by CB 	CB
2.	Review of minutes	
	Items from minutes of last meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground works are completed • Evening meetings now in place, to consist of a recap from morning meeting plus AOB • Parking – a letter and text message was sent regarding parking. The situation has improved now that the gas works have been completed. 	
3.	Principal's report (Ben Carter)	
	Forthcoming events/dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessments week commencing 1st February • Science and music week w/c 1st February • Hands on week w/c 8th February Staffing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 teachers in Year 5 – David and Charles (new long term supply) • Samantha has taken over Brandy's Y1 class • Katy and Ruhana are covering Amy's Y1 class External review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A review by a former HMI inspector will take place on 2nd and 3rd February. This is a quality assurance check on our judgments of lesson observations and the quality of teaching. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is essentially moderation; an objective look at the school. • Carried out each year in each PT academy. <p>Poplar Harca:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC met with Poplar Harca on 15th January regarding the redevelopment of the Aberfeldy Estate • The school is consulted each time there is a planning request that could affect provision. • There is a 'community chest' of money available to help community groups develop. • Possibility of applying for a share in a lottery award of approximately £1 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This grant was awarded for the development of the estate and has to be used within 10 years. ○ Shah Rahman at the Aberfeldy Community Centre will be on the panel. Would like a representative from both the school and the academy council to sit on the panel to look at applications for awards. ○ BC asked if anyone was interested in joining the panel. AR would join if no one else interested. This is an opportunity to build a personal relationship with other community groups on the estate • The school has submitted a bid for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PE adventurous activities week ○ Development of a sensory room for autistic pupils 	
4.	Home school support (Monwara Khatun)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MK thanked parents for their help with the winter fair • Parentview link via text message was very successful with an increased response. This will be resent again in a few weeks. • MEND are running a healthy lives initiative on Tuesdays for this term, after school for parents and 5-7 year olds. Siblings can attend. Input from nutritionist and physical activity for children. • Summer fair – MK asked for ideas for the summer fair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If an evening, DSB parents find it hard to attend ○ A Saturday is possible but is a lot of work. Would need organisation and committed volunteers. 	
5.	DSB provision (Husna Begum)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro – HB is chair of the local NDCS. • Question was raised over number of teachers of the deaf at school. BC explained that for the 2015-16 provisions, there is the correct ratio. If the DSB provision increased for 2016-17, then another teacher of the deaf would be recruited. • Sue Richards (SR) to be invited to attend the next meeting to share the work of the DSB. 	

6.	Open Forum	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No agenda items received from parents. • MK to tell parents about the AC box (in office) at coffee mornings. An AC member to attend next coffee morning. • JM reminded parents AC members that word of mouth was the best way to engage other parents • Proposed change of day for meetings to Thursday, same as the evening meeting, to improve advertising and attendance • Will have a regular newsletter to share the work of the council. 	
7.	Celebrations	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful winter fair • All concerts over winter period went smoothly and were well attended 	
8.	Next meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 10th March at 9am and 5pm <p>Meeting closed at 10am</p>	