

Culloden Primary A Paradigm Academy: Academy Council Meeting
Thursday 10/03/2016

Chair: Alesa Rahman – Chair (AR)

Present: Jeff Martin – Link Director (JM), Ben Carter – Principal (BC), Husna Begum – Academy Council Member (HB), Amanda Fox – Vice Chair (AF), and joined by Shah Rahman from Aberfeldy Community 'Big Project'.

Council members unable to attend: Rajshree Laturia, Sakina Syed

Parent/carers: 32 Parent/carers present

Meeting commenced: 9:15am

Minutes: Claire Brunning (CB)

Item		Action
1.	Introduction	
	AR welcomed everyone present and handed out copies of the agenda.	
2.	Review of minutes	
	Items from minutes of last meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes and minutes were agreed. 	
3.	Aberfeldy 'Big Project' (Shah Rahman)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 'Big Local' is a community based project for the Aberfeldy Estate and funded by National Lottery. A leaflet has been sent to all residents detailing the 10 year project, which aims to engage local residents and enable them to develop their skills and knowledge. Recently a sewing group has been set up by a group of women, who are now selling their products at Chrisp Street market. A catering company is also being set up. Applications are invited to receive funding for projects that benefit the local community. Please contact Shah Rahman though info@localtrust.org.uk. The Board is also looking for helpers to drive the project forward. BC proposed that the school apply for funding to resource holiday clubs, so tutors can be invited into school and lead subjects and that places can be offered to a larger number of children. A show of hands indicated support for this suggestion. 	
4.	After-school Provision (Ben Carter on behalf of David Gregory)	
	<p>The following questions have been raised regarding after-school provision and are answered below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Why is priority not given to working parents? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To enable working parents to sign up, a list of upcoming clubs will be published on the website and in the newsletter. Three places will be reserved in each club for working 	<p>CB</p> <p>DG</p>

	<p>parents to book by telephone on a first come first served basis.</p> <p>iii. A text message will be sent to parents to remind them to sign up.</p> <p>2. Can parents wait inside the school when collecting pupils from clubs?</p> <p>i. BC: Due to safeguarding reasons, parents must wait outside the front office. There is a canopied area in case of inclement weather.</p> <p>3. Why do after school activities get cancelled?</p> <p>i. After school activities are only cancelled as a last resort, e.g. if a club leader is absent and there is no one with expertise or able to work within the risk assessment.</p> <p>ii. The school will endeavour to give as much notice as possible to parents/carers in the event of a cancellation.</p> <p>4. From what age are clubs available?</p> <p>i. From Year 1 because of staff/pupil ratios.</p>	CB
5.	SRE Jigsaw Scheme of Work (Academy Council Members)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A PowerPoint presentation was shared with explanations and comments from BC, AF and AR. • It was requested that a copy of the PowerPoint be added to the website. • A parent questioned the appropriateness of the new scheme of work including Year 1 pupils, especially the naming of body parts or sharing of pictures. BC explained that the naming of parts was part of the National Curriculum science scheme of work and added that all contents of the Jigsaw scheme of work have been developed to be delivered age-appropriately. • The emphasis is on sharing of scientific information alongside physical, moral and emotional development. • After Easter break, there will be year group presentations to share the materials in more detail. 	CB
6.	AOB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question raised over end of year trips for pupils. BC advised that these would take place. • Concern raised over the cost of the Year 5 residential as it seems a lot of money for only 2.5 days. BC advised that the process for anyone with financial difficulty was to see the class teacher, then David, then Ben. 	
8.	Next meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 6th May at 9am and 5pm <p>Meeting closed at 11am</p>	