**Carrick Academy Parent Council AGM**

**Monday 4th September 2017**

**At 7pm**

**Meeting Room, Carrick Academy**

**In attendance** Shona Stevens - Head Teacher, Sharon Robb - Chairperson, Emma Broun - Secretary, Moira Paton - Treasurer, Alan Thom, Hugh Paterson, Elaine Gibson, Aileen Fisher, Caroline Alexander, Donna McDowall, Linda Lzatt, Sharon Hall, Shelley Baillie, Lee Lyons, Sarah Hall

**Apologies** Deirdre Cuthbertson, Jennifer Finlay, Shona McMillian, Brian Connolly

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Caroline Alexander seconded by Alan Thom

**Chairpersons Report**

Sharon gave her report; thanked all members & handed over her resignation.

**Treasurers Report**

A summary of the expenditure in the last year was given and a balance noted of £3162.62

**Election of Office Bearers**

Aileen Fisher agreed to take on the roll of Chairperson

Elaine Gibson agreed to take on the roll of Vice Chairperson

Moira Paton agreed to remain as Treasurer

Emma Broun agreed to remain as Secretary

Hugh Paterson agreed to remain as a Co-opted member along with the addition of Sharon Robb.

These positions were agreed unanimously by The Parent Council

**Grant Update**

Emma Broun advised the table that the final purchase – 3d Printer – had been made and she had arranged for David Kiltie to visit the school to take photo’s etc. for the local press. Hugh Paterson suggested we extend the invitation to the companies that funded the project.

**Head Teacher Report**

**1. Staffing**

We welcome a number of new staff to the school:

Rachel Ferries – Maths

Karen MacLeod – Maths

Aynsley Beattie – Maths

Jordan Flynn – PE

Jodie Mackie – Biology

Murray Duncan – Chemistry

Dawn Cunningham – Art and HE

Emma Alexander – School Assistant

Alison Purdie – School Assistant

Tony Bryson – Active Schools contact

Diane Irvine – School Nurse

We have been informed that Claire McMoreland our School Nurse will be relocated to another school.  Claire was an excellent support to our young people and worked well with Guidance, Pupil Support and SMT, she will be a great loss to the school.

We have two vacancies:

0.6 FTE Design and Technology – this job was advertised on a temporary basis and there were no applicants, it has now been advertised as a permanent post.

Fiona O’Connell (PT Modern Languages) is due to go on maternity leave at the October break; her post has been advertised within South Ayrshire but there were no applicants; it has now been advertised nationally.

**2. School Website**

TS Stevens showed the parents how to access the following documents on ‘Parent Zone’ from the school website:

Standards and Quality Report – This summaries all the work that was undertaken throughout last session.

School Improvement Plan – This summarises the work that will be undertaken this session.  The key areas are ‘embedding the broad general education’, staff are re-visiting planning, assessment, moderation and pupil

Profiling, taking account of the ‘benchmarks’ that were issued by Education Scotland.

‘Reducing the burden of assessment’ - National 5 Assessment – Changes have been made to assessment in N5, changes to courses and assessment where appropriate.

‘Closing the gap’ – Using the Pupil Equity Funding to support strategies in literacy, numeracy and Health and wellbeing for identified young people.

Curriculum Changes – Addition of the Nail Bar and Bike maintenance classes.

SQA Attainment – We are very pleased with the improvements to attainment this session with record numbers of S5 pupils achieving 3 or more Highers.  We are not ‘stretching the top’ and feel that there is progress to be made for our most able pupils.  Pupil subject choice has been scrutinised to try to ensure that young people are ‘playing to their strengths’ to experience success in their attainment.

Principal Teachers are being asked to analyse their results and meetings with the HT will take place over the following weeks to discuss their strengths and actions for improvement.  The authority Improvement Visit will take place on the 11 October.

**3. Accommodation**

The Nail Bar has now opened; it has been repainted and new furniture has been purchased using money supplied by the Princes Trust and Scottish Governments Developing Scotland Young Workforce.

N17 the new Pupil support room has been painted and a carpet has been fitted to Mr Brown’s new room.

The authority are planning to paint the corridors in the stair wells in the new building, it is hoped that this will happen during the October break.

**4.  School Roll**

The school roll was estimated at 452 but we had 462 pupils on census day.  While this will lead to an increase in staffing, we will have no additional staff as the authority had already given us 0.6 FTE; this was to prevent the curriculum being cut in the senior school.  The change in the school roll is due to a small intake in S1 again this year; the stay on rates in the senior school remains high.

**5.  School Vision and Values**

This consultation has now taken place with the whole school community; the results have been collated and a draft ‘vision, values and aims’ are being produced.  These will then be shared with staff, pupils, parents and partners for feedback.  To promote these, TS Stevens is hoping to purchase new signage for the school.

**Correspondence**

All correspondence is being circulated by email.

 **A.O.C.B**

A discussion was had around the threat of Snapchat and the awareness of Stranger Danger.

Following on from the success of, “Bike in a Box” it was suggested an invitation be made to the feeder schools to offer the service of bike repairs prior to Bikeability being taught.

It was decided a Casino Night was a risk without the support of The Rugby Dept. Various other suggestions were made and would be further discussed at the next meeting.

The table was made aware of the SPTC; Shona will email details for discussion at next

meeting.

A funding bid of £500.00 was agreed towards the purchase of new signage

The P.C. were invited to view the new,”Nail Bar”

**Date of next meeting**

**Monday 6th November 2017 at 7pm**