**Carrick Academy Parent Council**

**Wednesday 7th March 2018**

**Meeting Room, Ayr Academy**

**In attendance** Shona Stevens - Head Teacher, Aileen Fisher - Chairperson, Emma Broun - Secretary, Brian Connolly – Councillor, Moira Paton – Treasurer, Jennifer Finlay, Elaine Gibson, Linda Izatt, Caroline Alexander, Shona McMillian, Sharon Robb, Deirdre Cuthbertson, Shelley Baillie

**Apologies** Hugh Paterson, Donna McDowall, Lindsay Cunningham

D Hutchison (Head of Education) gave all in attendance a tour of the new Ayr Academy. J

Climie was also present for this tour.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Aileen Fisher and seconded by Moira Paton

**Constitution**

All in attendance discussed the current Constitution and made changes where necessary. The revised constitution will be put to all member of The Parent Council at the A.G.M. in September 2018

**Head Teacher Report**

1. Staffing:

Two posts have remained vacant; Business Studies and Modern Languages despite national adverts.  We now await the results of the surplus staffing exercise in the hope that there will be a member of staff from another school coming to us.

Madeleine Wiltshire has started in the Maths dept.  We are awaiting a start date for Elizabeth Martin our new School Assistant.

Cathy Logan has returned to the school office full time following her maternity leave.

2. School Roll:

The estimated roll for session 2018-2019 is 460 resulting in a staff allocation of 37.7 FTE; this is down 0.2 FTE from last session.

No staff will be declared surplus but temporary contracts will end in May/June.  There are vacancies in Business Studies (0.5), Modern Languages (0.6), Maths (0.5) and Art (0.6) identified for next session and I have requested a probationer for business due to the lack of staffing throughout the year.  There is an additional 0.2 FTE which I have asked for a probationer in English, Physics, Chemistry or PE.

3. Budget Cuts:

TS Stevens was delighted to report that the cuts to education will have very little impact on schools as the majority of the cuts have been taken from central staff.

4. Attainment Summary From Insight

Insight is the Scottish Governments platform to update and share attainment in schools.  TS Stevens shared the latest data that shows all leavers from S4-6 and their attainment at point of exit.  It is a very positive picture for the school.

**80's Disco/Auction Fundraising Night**

The details of our next fundraising event on Saturday 2nd June were shared with the Parent Council and all in attendance were given a poster to advertise the event and tickets to sell.

B Connolly agreed to contact Turnberry for an item to Auction; E Cubin & L Lzatt agreed to try Dobbies; TS Stevens is going to try Slaters Menswear & E Broun would try Ross & Robbie McCrorie at Rangers Football Club

**Date of Next Meeting 30th May 2018 in The Meeting Room at Carrick Academy**