

**SPEYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD AT SPEYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 17th May 2017**

Present

1. **Welcome and Apologies:** : E Masson, P Goodbrand, S Dick, N Craven, P Winchester, T Taylor, M Bourne, J Christie

Actions

Apologies were received from: S Dick, C McGillvray, A Hay, E Picksley, C Boyd.

Minutes of Parent Council Meeting held on 1st February and Matters Arising:

2. **Head Teacher Drop in Sessions:** P Goodbrand has visited Rothes Primary School and will visit Glenlivet Primary next.
Substance Awareness: Disappointingly this has been postponed again. It is hoped it will run in September along with a school event.
Showmyhomework: Planned roll out is August 17
40th Anniversary: Celebrations for pupils, staff and community will be held on the 28th June. No interest from former pupils to arrange a gathering.
Changes to N4 and N5Qualifications: Please see attached response from George Swinney re Parent Council letter.
3. **Correspondence:** SPTC Backchat.
4. **Finance:** Balance as at 17th May is £1123.22. The library has gratefully received the new books and bean bags. It was agreed that N Craven should get new Health & Wellbeing books for the school, cost is approx. £850, funded by the PC.
5. **Timetabling/Choices:** In the case of a pupil not getting the subject they choose the school makes every effort to rectify. Unfortunately in some cases pupils loose out.
6. **Pupil Equity/Fund:** The Scottish Government has set up this fund for all Scottish schools. SHS has received £27,500 . This money has to be spent bridging the attainment gap. P Goodbrand is looking to employ a new teaching member of staff with the money.
7. **School Values:** Respect, Responsibility, Health, Dedication, Ambition and Achievement are the schools new values, to be launched in August.
8. **A.O.B**
Complaints: It was asked what the procedure was re teaching and department complaints: P Goodbrand advised that she investigates and meets with parents and staff concerned.

Astro Turf: Bins not being emptied and rubbish is strewn across pitches. It was suggested that the Community Warden be asked for more bins.

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New Pupils: SHS are receiving a number of new pupils from out of zone next term and also old pupils returning. Positive news.

Date of Next Meeting: 14th September at 7.00pm – 7.30pm in the School Staffroom
The meeting closed at 8.30pm

_____ Chairperson