

Stromness Academy Parent Council

Minutes of AGM

Thursday 14 June 2018



Present: Kate Carmichael (Chair), Jane Partridge (Headteacher), Rob Crichton, Cllr Rachael King, Kirstie Moar, Jane Beckwith, Karen Bevilacqua, Steven Tulloch, Barbara Scollay (Minute Clerk)

Apologies: Joe Horrocks, Kate Shiner, Helen Wailoo, Melanie Johansen, Brenda Johnstone

Adoption of the minutes of the previous AGM: proposed by Rob Crichton and seconded by Kirstie Moar.

Matters Arising: none

Chair's Report

Kate stated that the PC have achieved a lot in the past year, having held meetings around each month and participated in the school review. Ian Berstan began the school year as Acting Headteacher with Jane Partridge taking over the role of Headteacher in October. The sad and sudden loss of Stephen Crawford in March this year was a shock to the school, and James Wylie and Graeme Horne have been helpful in keeping the business management side of the school running smoothly.

Parents were involved in the recruitment and appointment of the new deputy head Jon Wilcox, and have conducted some excellent fundraising, with Kirstie Moar and Fiona Towrie putting in a lot of effort to this. The prize draw and bag packing raised a lot of money, and the raffles at the three school concerts are always a good boost to funds. The PC have continued the ethos of working with the school, promoting partnerships and identifying and representing parents' views. A questionnaire sought the views of parents particularly on school transport and broadband coverage, and between the members there has been representation at all the parents' evenings. Kate attended the recent PC Chairs and Headteachers meeting, and Kirstie attended the same meeting earlier in the school year and both found them very useful. Thanks were noted to members who have stepped down in the past year – Joe Horrocks and Fiona Laing. Kate finished by confirming that this would be her last Chair's report and thanked all past and present members for their support and contributions.

Thanks were in turn expressed to Kate for her dedication to the role over several years and a presentation of flowers and cards made.

Treasurer's Report

None available.

Election of office bearers

All current members were willing to stand again apart from Joe Horrocks who has resigned as he no longer has a child at the school.

- Treasurer – Fiona Towrie was nominated as it is understood she is willing to remain in this role at present. No other nominations were made.
- Vice Chair – Jane Beckwith was nominated and is willing to remain in this role at present. No other nominations were made.
- Chair – Karen Bevilacqua was nominated and accepted the role, being proposed by Kate Carmichael and seconded by Jane Beckwith. Impartiality was discussed, and it was agreed that should there be any conflict for Karen between this role and her employment that someone else would need to lead on any discussion/meetings etc.
- A new role of Fundraising Convenor was agreed, and Kirstie Moar was nominated for and accepted the role.

There was discussion around having someone ready to compose letters and suchlike on behalf of the committee, and it was agreed to leave this as hoc at present but there are persons willing to do this when required, including Steven Tulloch.