

**Deans Community High School**  
**Parent Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Attendees**

Angela Ritchie (Chair), Pauline Allison (HT), Sandra Fannon, Heather Marriet, Patricia Miller

**Apologies**

Janice Ritchie, Mark Cockburn, Caroline Bennett, Susan Begley, Alison Hatcher, Stacey McCallum, Caroline Bleach (DHT)

**Agenda:**

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Review of the Minutes from previous Meeting
4. Show my Homework – Review and discuss
5. Head Teacher's update
6. AOCB

1. AR welcomed all to the meeting.
2. Apologies as stated above

**3. Review of Previous Minutes**

Previous minutes were accepted.

**4. Show my Homework**

The Parent Council were given access to this learning platform to review its potential use in Deans Community High School. The aim of the app is to deliver tools that enhance the learning experience for Students and promote parental engagement for all from one easy-to-use learning platform. Members reviewed the app positively and it was suggested that a Pilot group could be formed to further investigate the use and merits of it.

There was concern that this app could potentially increase the workload for staff and it was proposed that more discussion with school staff and PT's be sought before progressing forward with it. The cost of buying Show my Homework is substantial and this would need to be taken into consideration. There is a possibility that Microsoft Teams may be able to offer a similar function in the near future.

## 5. Update from HT

### 1. P7 Transition

Visits are taking place this week, with each student getting one day in the school to experience some classes, see round the building and take part in outside sports activities. So far all have gone well and students appear to be enjoying the experience.

### 2. SQA

Students have been receiving their grades this week and last week from their class teachers, based on the evidence gathered throughout the alternative certification model. Results will then be submitted to SQA next week and parents will receive a final tracking letter detailing the grades submitted and information on the appeals process.

### 3. Staffing

We will be joined by 6 probationer teachers next session in the following subjects:

English x 2

Business Education

Computing

Home Economics

PE

### 4. Covid

Latest government advice is that the restrictions currently in place in schools will remain in place in August. PA will be sent further updates nearer the time and will advise parents/carers of any changes in advance of the new term in August.

## 6. AOCB

- Anne Runciman will be leaving as a member of the Parent Council. She has supported the Parent Council for many years and we thank her for her valuable contributions throughout her time with us.
- Seafield School Bus – The School bus travelling to Seafield has been leaving before all students have accessed the bus. Students are leaving School at staggered times due to Covid regulations and this has not been taken into consideration. On occasions there is only one bus instead of two and there is not enough seating for Students.  
PA will contact the Bus company to discuss.

**Date of next Parent Council Meeting will be on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 at 18:00 via Skype for Business.**

