

# PETERHEAD ACADEMY PTA MEETING MINUTES

08 NOVEMBER 2022

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## IN ATTENDANCE

- Gerry McCluskey - Head Teacher
- David Wilson - Chair
- Sam Foley - Secretary (minutes)
- Teresa Gammack - Treasurer
- Suzie Connor - DHT
- Yvonne Irvinve, Gaynor Steel, Julie Cheyne, Cllr Matthew James, Cllr Colin Simpson, Michelle Leys, David Garland, Tracey Garland, Caroline Weir, Grace Davies, Gillian Hutton, Susan Gladstone, Louise Brown, Lyn Roberstson, Andrew Strachan, Leann Beddie, Natalie Flowerdew.
- Apologies: Cllr Dianne Beagrie, Cllr Leann McWhinnie, Cllr Stephen Smith, Cllr George Hall

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## PREVIOUS MINUTES

- The minutes of the meeting dated 13th September 2022 were approved by the PTA.

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## TREASURER REPORT

The current balance is sitting at £1689.56. That is an increase from the last meeting due to the Sports Day BBQ income of £247.60.

We are currently live on the Asda Green Token Scheme online - can we please post on the schools' social media and ask for parents/carers to vote for Peterhead Academy online.



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## UPDATE ON NEW CAMPUS

A statement from John Macleod - Property and Facilities Manager, Aberdeenshire Council

Following the previous update in June, the Peterhead Community Campus project team would like to provide a further update on project progress, status, and forthcoming activities. Since the previous update, the design team have concluded the initial concept design phase for the education campus on Kinmundy Road, with further development of the design ongoing, through to the end of the year. Design work to date has involved engagement with strategic and operational level stakeholders, to both inform and verify the developing design solutions. Floor plans are now at an advanced stage of development, with other design workstreams, including foundation solutions, heating and ventilation strategies, and wall and roof designs also being developed. Project workstreams are generally progressing in line with programme, and we still anticipate construction of the education campus at Kinmundy to complete in March 2026.

As stakeholders will likely be aware, construction costs across the country have increased significantly since the project budget was set in April 2021, and we are currently quantifying the impact of this on the project, along with any potential requirement for additional funding. While we had anticipated sharing concept design proposals with the wider stakeholder groups at this stage, due to the aforementioned cost increases, we are required to bring the proposals and revised cost estimates back to Council, before sharing with stakeholders and the wider community.

Despite the budget challenges, the Council remain committed to delivering this exciting project and the project team are delighted to be able to report the positive progress identified above, and we look forward to engaging with stakeholders, and sharing the developing design solutions early in 2023.



## HEAD TEACHERS REPORT

- DYW Partnerships (designed to develop our community's workforce of the future through an enhanced skills driven curriculum in the CfE. Strategic PT post has been advertised to develop this, and there is strong interest from candidates out with Peterhead Academy.
- Influencing Partners (Score & Symposium)
- Collaborating Partners (Scottish Seafood Association, Stella's Voice)
- Planning stages (Palace Hotel, Barclays)
- Art department partnered with Peterhead Hospital to showcase pupil artwork.
- School of Football is progressing well and has shown positive impact on the young people involved (meeting school expectations).
- School of Dance planned for later this term.
- School of Science and Engineering is well through the planning process and will our first curricular focussed self-sustaining school of excellence (launches in May 23).
- Most recent TES Pulse Survey showed improvement in staff wellbeing.
- School is working toward a STEM Nation award programme through collaborative working across the science, technology and maths faculties. This programme celebrates, promotes and builds effective practice in STEM education within and across sectors (<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/stemnation/stem-nation-award-for-elc-settings-and-schools/>). Only one High school in Scotland been awarded it, we'd be the first in the north of Scotland to achieve it.
- We plan to offer a senior ball for the S5 & S6 pupils this session. A committee has been formed and planning is underway.
- YPI Final is taking place on 15th Dec 0830 to 12noon, we would like a rep from the PTC to attend if possible?

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## SQA RESULTS

### How many of the SQA non-priority appeals were successful?

- Eighty-five non-priority appeals have been sent away with 19/85 (22%) being successful. No one was downgraded. 20% was about average for schools from what we have been able to find out from neighbouring schools.

### How is the preparation for prelims going?

- Assessment Period (prelims) is completed in draft form and is conflicts identified for pupils, allowing plenty of time to plan appropriately for those pupils.
- These will start on Wednesday 11/1/23

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## STAFFING UPDATE



### Staffing Vacancies

#### Core:

- Maths (x3)
- English
- Technology (x2)
- PE (x2)
- ASL Teachers (x2)
- Biology (x2)
- PT Digital Literacy

#### Additionality:

- Social Subjects
- RMPS
- PT L&T
- PT Inclusion
- PT Flexible Provision
- PSA (x10)
- General Science
- Literacy & Numeracy

### Staffing Appointments

- Business & ICT (AD starts 18th Nov 22)
- English (JA starts 21st Nov 22)
- ASL (MP & DM - starts dates TBC)
- Drama (HS started)
- Technician (started)
- Office staff member (started)
- PTF Science (LG starts in Jan 23)

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## INITIAL LOCAL AUTHORITY IMPROVEMENT VISIT

An initial visit with Vincent Docherty (HoS), Peter Wood (QIM) & David Clark (ESO) was due to take place on 14th December but has since been cancelled. Preparations will be made for this to take place in the new year.

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## IMPROVEMENT PLANNING & SELF-EVALUATION ACTIVITY

- *School improvement and self-evaluation documentation is the process of changing, we would like a group of parents to meet with SLT and carry out their own self-evaluation of the school to feed into this process.*
- *Would PTC have volunteers, or could they suggest participants (no more than 10 parents)?*
- **Wednesday 30th November @ 3pm until 4pm in Science Faculty**

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## 1% WINS OVERLAY PROVISION

Mr O'Reilly (Social Subjects) has produced a power point to inform the PTC about the rollout of an inclusive programme to support our young people across the school - powerpoint to be included with the minutes.

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## PARENT QUESTIONS

- Great to see so many after-school activities going on - what has the response been like from pupils? Very positive
- Will prize giving return to junior years? Yes
- What Christmas activities are planned and are there any opportunities for the Parent Council to be involved in festive activities?
  - School concert on Monday 19th Dec 22 (could parent council support with teas and coffees?)
  - School panto on Thursday 22nd Dec 22. Looking at inviting parents along to panto this year for lunch showing
  - Also, not festive but art exhibition on 5th Dec 22 December (could parent council support with teas and coffees?)
- It may be beneficial if the chairs of the primary PTAs want to come in and join the meetings? Yes please do. We want to build a community parent council. Chairs and anyone else who wants to come along. Chair +1 may be a good idea. Andrew Strachan to provide contact details for invites.