



# Trinity Parent and Carer Council AGM – 9th October 2024

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**Present**

Paul K Jeffrey, Chair  
Morag Burnett, Treasurer  
Ebenezer Olaghere  
Helena Lawrence  
Tilly Sheridan  
Colin Duncan  
Savy Chim  
Angela Jackson-Barnes  
Lorna Morgan  
Lesley Kelly  
Nick Burge, Headteacher  
Caroline Cassels, Modern Languages

**Online**

None

**Apologies**

Judith Mackinlay, Vice Chair  
Helen Davey

## Agenda

1. Acceptance of Minutes from previous AGM
2. Headteachers Report
3. Chair Report: Paul K Jeffrey
4. Approval for the change of name to Trinity Academy Parent and Carer Council
5. Approval of Accounts for the year ended August 2024: PKJ & MB
6. Input from Parent Forum
7. AOB

## Minutes of Meeting

Apologies and record of attendees was taken and recorded formally

## Headteachers Report

Mr Burge provided an update for the New School works.

### **New School Update**

- Works are on track for delivery of the Learning Village after the half term holiday and an additional day has been added to the break to allow time for the decant
- It was confirmed that blocks B& C of the old building are on track to be demolished by the end of the school year
- For students returning after the holiday there will be a number of measures put in place to ensure a smooth transition which will include being issued with revised timetables with new room allocations, extended assemblies on return after the holiday and a video is being created to help with orientation
- The tower is now being dismantled
- It has been agreed that the Scout hut can be utilised as an overflow area to accommodate students during lunches and breaks

### **Attainment**

- Overall the national picture on attainment was not positive, although more positive against these national statistics for Trinity Academy's performance.
- Attainment for number of Highers achieved in S5 remained unchanged with an average of 3 Highers at S5. This out-performed the virtual comparator.
- The objective of 5 Highers at end of S5 has slipped against previous years
- For the least able students in S5/6 67% achieved positive results
- S4 attainment for Nat 5s delivered TA's best results in 8 years
- S6 attainment overall was less positive as historically students often tend to drop courses if they have received an offer for university or other training and so Trinity Academy is looking at ways to improve the attainment of S6 students

- The next steps in the narrative of S6 attainment is to foster a sense of ambition for these students to enrich learning and give them an opportunity to develop their critical skills in preparation for further study

### **Parent Views**

Mr Burge updated on the survey of Parent views. Findings from the survey focussed on a number of areas

- Toilet provision
- Accessing homework on 365 for which all years are being trained
- TA is reviewing how to improve accessibility of learning experiences across the school
- For those pupils with additional learning needs, they will be written to by the end of the term to outline individual learning strategies
- A daily bulletin will be available to pupils and added to the TA website to highlight activities and events happening in school
- Mr Burge confirmed that clarification on a policy for mobile phone use in class had been questioned and that there is a Scottish Government policy to restrict in class use of mobiles

### **Chair Report**

The Chair Report for the year is provided as a separate document, “TAPCC Chair Report 102024”

### **Approval Of Change of Name**

Formal ratification of the change of name from Trinity Academy Parent Council to Trinity Academy Parent and Carer Council was requested by vote and was proposed by Paul K Jeffrey, seconded by Morag Burnett and then passed unanimously by all in attendance.

### **Presentation and Approval of Accounts for year end August 2024**

Morag Burnett presented and discussed the end year accounts. The accounts are provided as a separate document, “Audited Accounts Year Ending 31082024” for reference.

Additionally, a report was provided on the level of funds in the PC account with some £7500 in the account currently.

The group discussed the allocation of funds for specific purposes and it was agreed that for the upcoming French trip being organised by Mrs Cassells, TAPCC will allocate funding to benefit some of the pupils that might otherwise struggle to attend the trip. The agreement was to fund up to £2100 and this was passed for a vote with the vote being proposed by PKJ and the passed unanimously by the PCC Members present.

## Input from Parent Forum

One of the major issues identified from members of the Parent Forum was in relation to Senior phase reports provided by the school towards the end of September.

A range of feedback had been received from parents and carers on the issue which ranged from disappointment in the new tool, lack of information, difficulties in accessing, and overall very negative grade expectations within the reports.

Action was taken to discuss the issue with Nick Burge.

## AOB

A general discussion was held on the subject of PCC funds and general agreement that any funds generated by the TAPCC should first and foremost help to support activities that help to provide an equity of experience across TA and help to bridge the gap where possible for those that might otherwise not be able to participate. The French trip funding is a perfect example of this with the bulk of the funds being allocated to reduce the amounts spent for individual families and carers.

The issue of the TAPCC website and branding was discussed briefly and an action taken to discuss this issue. Thank you to Angela Jackson-Barnes for offering assistance with this project.

## Meeting Closed

The meeting was closed by Paul with thanks given to all attendees.