MINUTES OF LANGHOLM ACADEMY
PARENT COUNCIL Policy Group MEETING
MONDAY 23rd November, 2009

Present:	**Emma Neil**	**-**	**Head teacher**
	Archie Hyslop	**-**	**Secretary**
	Christine Calvert	**-**	**Assistant Secretary**
	Jacqueline Graham	**-**	**Treasurer**
	Committee Members		
	Anthony Lane, Diane Hay,		
	Apologies: Richard Morrison		

The meeting was devoted to the subject of homework. Emma Neil indicated the parents' view of homework differs vastly from expectations of pupils and the practicalities for staff of a uniform policy over the variety of subjects covered by the curriculum. She went on to discuss various subjects in detail and obtain a response from Parent Council members. A brainstorming session followed to gather group bullet points of desirable or areas requiring attention. We then collated the information to ascertain the framework for a rationale that would be acceptable to staff and pupils and of reassurance to parents.

We were then given an overview of the new tracking and monitoring system on the computer which will be with parents by Wednesday.

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Further to the minutes of the meeting of 8th June regarding the appointment of Secretary, it was agreed to have an assistant secretary who could deputise and also be responsible for countersigning cheques. It was proposed that Christine Calvert be appointed to this position. She agreed and this was approved by the Parent Council.

Date of next joint meeting
Monday 14th December at 7pm.