MINUTES OF LANGHOLM ACADEMY
PARENT COUNCIL Policy Group MEETING
MONDAY 8th March, 2010

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Emma indicated that she had a good response from the parental involvement forms. It was agreed that this should form the basis of the meeting this evening. The main points raised were contact with parents and taking into account parental views. She advised that she had been in discussion with Paul Lumb regarding a revamp of homework policy in ways which would reinforce learning. This would involve topics relevant to the individual subjects which students could choose to work on then present a report on the research. It was thought this would be particularly helpful to S1-S3 pupils. We then discussed how assignment based discovery learning would be particularly suited to science, craft & design etc. Emma then explained how we could involve the parents in the implementation through a focus group. We then compiled a Homework questionnaire (copy attached) to send to all parents whose views would then be implemented by the Parent Council. Anthony had produced a leaflet to send to parents and the Policy Group approved it. Emma thought some of the students could put graphics on it and also insert photos of the PC. We discussed the newsletter which the PC will be helping produce. There is going to be a health evening held on the 21st April.

Date of next joint meeting
Monday 19th April at 7pm.
Date of next Policy Group meeting
Monday 10th May at 7pm