

## YPIS P&C GOVERNANCE SUB-COMMITTEE: SUMMARY OF PROGRESS MAY 2015

**First issue examined:** YPIS P&C holds its AGM as the 1st meeting of the year, (early Feb.) Only members may speak, vote and take office at an AGM. A person only becomes a member *after* the meeting at which they joined and paid the fee. So at present, parents who are new to the school may not speak, vote or take up positions at the AGM.

### A. Possible Solutions

**1. Move AGM to 2nd meeting. Hold “meet & greet” as 1st meeting, with specific aims of explaining the P&C and welcoming & inviting new members to join.**

**For:**

- Gives new parents an introduction to P&C in a friendly and informative context
- Probably engages more new members with the P&C & its purposes

**Against:**

- Office bearers of previous year need to keep roles well into new school year
- May delay progress on some matters (extra meeting with no regular business)
- Requires a (minor) rule change

**2. Keep AGM as 1st meeting of year & invite new & current parents to previous year’s final meeting. (traditionally an end-of-year social event)**

**For:**

- Keeps maximum number of regular business meetings in the year
- Potential to welcome new parents to the P&C and the school
- No change to rules

**Against:**

- May be difficult to effectively welcome and include new members at a social event (may turn people off if they don’t feel welcome)
- May be hard to get new members to come if child has not yet started at YPIS.
- Final meeting is at a time of year when people are already busy

**3. Keep AGM as 1st meeting, encourage new members to come anyway and join. They can express interest in any Casual Vacancies, & participate fully at following meeting.**

**For:**

- Keeps maximum number of regular business meetings in the year
- New members can’t be pressed into taking on a role before they know about P&C
- No change to rules

**Against:**

- New members not able to participate in elections or take positions at AGM
- New members possibly turned off by being unable to participate immediately
- Requires small change to procedures to ensure inclusiveness at AGM and after

### B. Additional Proposal (Complementary to the above proposals)

Alter the Rules or practice of the YPIS P&C to routinely extend to non-members (or prospective members) the offer of speaking at any meeting. This offer could be withdrawn at any time.