



ST NINIAN'S HIGH SCHOOL
MINUTES OF PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 22 MAY 2017

PRESENT: MR P McLAUGHLIN
MRS M HERON
MR A TAYLOR
MRS M KERR
MR D CHAPPELLE
MRS A HENDERSON
MS M McCARNEY
MRS E CAIRNEY
MS K McCARTHY
MR P CREANEY
MR T BRESLIN
MS L FAIRBAIRN

APOLOGIES: MR E DALY

Mr Chappelle welcomed everyone and the meeting opened with a prayer.

Previous Minutes:

Matters Arising:

- Budget Update: Mr McLaughlin briefly discussed the 2 new structures. Meetings regarding these are scheduled for 1 and 19 June. The Parent Council will be kept updated.

PTA Update:

Mrs Cairney gave an update on

- The recent Fashion Show was a great success raising £502.74. The PTA will consider running this again in Oct/Nov as it's a relatively straightforward event to organise, however, they are aware that it's basically the same people supporting the events, and don't want to over-do it.
- The PTA have been decided against plans to organise a joint fundraising event with Lenzie Meadows Primary.
- Family Night – Will look at this later in the year.
- New S1 parents will be encouraged to support events.
- Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 1 December.
- AGM will be held on 18 September.
- Closing Balance: £2577.24

Chair's Report:

- Forthcoming changes to the National Qualifications were briefly discussed.
- National Parent Forum will be held on 3 June.
- East Dunbartonshire Parent Forum will be held 12 June in Lenzie Academy.
 1. Looking for nominations for co-chair
 2. Parent Representative (Education Committee)
- Asked if current ICT Problems are affecting Learning & Teaching. Certain sites being blocked have caused some problems for L&T, however, the major problems are with registering pupils etc. Backup plans are in place to cope with attendance, but this has placed a lot of extra work on the office. There have been some issues with timetabling, particularly for the P7 induction days. The problems are known in the Authority and are being addressed.

Head Teachers Report:

- Mr McLaughlin explained that the new Council will be formed tomorrow (23 May). Many "Friends of St Ninian's" in the council are no longer in post.
- Staffing: New RE teacher Denise Fitzhenry will take up her post in August. Probationers will be allocated tomorrow (23 May).
- We are shortlisted for the Scottish Education Awards for Numeracy. The awards will be held in June.
- Leavers Mass with Fr Milarvie was a great success. And the S6 last day went well with no problems.
- Prom will be held on Wednesday 7 June and all are looking forward to it.
- Caritas Awards will be held in the SECC on 8 June.
- Primary Induction Days will be held on 23 and 24 May.
- Next term's intake discussed.
- Celtic Academy – Journalist from the Herald was at the school this morning. Article expected possibly next week.

Pupil Equity Fund and Improvement Plan:

M Kerr issued Overview of Whole School Priorities and Targets 2017-2018 handouts. This was discussed. A steering group has been formed and has held 3 meetings so far. They are not rushing in to spend the money to ensure they make the best decisions. Proposals will be available when decisions have been made. Members were asked to pass any ideas to Mrs Kerr.

Mindset:

A Taylor issued handouts on Mindset. A clip was shown to the group and Mr Taylor explained basic level. This helps to improve positive attitude. A discussion followed. Mr Taylor has asked for feedback from members. Mindset will be discussed with pupils at assemblies. This will be a major initiative next year.

AOCB:

- Dates for next year's Parent Council meetings to be arranged and issued.
- Thanks to Paul Creaney who will be leaving the Parent Council, for his involvement.
- D Chappelle to send L Fairbairn Agenda for Parent Forum to be forwarded to members.
- Consultation about the review of Additional Support Needs. Secondary schools –

inclusive. A Taylor will represent us at Strategic Working Group on 2 June. Merkland School pupils will be joining St Ninian's next sessions for 3 days per week, based in the Art breakout room. Discussed benefits and practical problems.

Mr Chappell thanked everyone and the meeting was brought to a close.

Next meeting: ~~Monday 18 September 2017 at 7.00pm.~~

Please note change of date to ***Monday 2 October at 6.00pm***