

ST NINIAN'S HIGH SCHOOL
MINUTES OF PARENT COUNCIL MEETING



MONDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2019

PRESENT:	MR P McLAUGHLIN (HT) MRS S BOYLE (DHT) MRS M HERON (PT Guidance) MS M McCARNEY (Chair) MRS Y WEBB (Vice Chair) MRS A HENDERSON (Parent) MS K McCARTHY (Parent) MR D CHAPPELLE (Parent) MRS E CAIRNEY (Parent & PTA Rep) MR E DALY (Parent) MR J O'DOWD (Parent) MS S MacLEAN (PARENT) MR T BRESLIN (Church Rep) MS L FAIRBAIRN (Clerk)
APOLOGIES:	MRS M WILSON (Parent) MR D McCULLOCH (Parent) MR K McKENNA (Co-opted member) Cllr S MURRAY

Ms McCarney welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The meeting started with the school prayer.

Previous Minutes: These were agreed

Matters Arising:

- Mr Breslin expressed his appreciation to the PTA for their effort on the Christmas Fayre.

PTA Update: Mrs Cairney gave the PTA update.

- The final total raised from the Christmas Fayre and raffle reached £3000. The majority of people felt the Thursday night attracted more people and is the preferred night for future Christmas Fayres to be held.
- The date of the Fashion Show in M&Co will be changed, and it is now more likely to be held in May.
- There is still the possibility of a small event being held before then.

Chairs Report:

- Mrs McCarney had no issues to discuss.

HT Report: Mr McLaughlin's confirmed that all Christmas events went well.

- Our focus is now on Lenten Charities. A meeting with the Captaincy Team has been held to make plans, which includes the 24 hour fast.
- S5/6 prelims are now underway.
- Staffing:
Kirsty Boyd – PT Numeracy has been appointed PT Maths & Numeracy in Linlithgow Academy.
Michael McKean has been appointed PT Numeracy. Starting date to be advised.
Biology Dept – Karen Cadman, PT will return from maternity leave in a few months. Lorna McLean, Acting PT has been appointed PT Biology in Ayrshire. The biology teaching post has been advertised.
Several temporary posts have now been advertised as permanent, and interviews will be held over the next few months.
- Community - We have a new Police Officer connected to the school who has formed a great relationship with us. He is keen to come into classes and assemblies for talks with pupils. This type of relationship worked extremely well in the past.
- Teachers ballot for strike action is still ongoing.
- Senior Management have dropped in to the Regent Centre to check on pupils who go there at lunchtime to ensure they are behaving appropriately.
- Establish Action Plan for Parental Engagement – Information from the Authority was handed out to the members to take away and read. This gives an idea of what we should be engaging with. After a quick look over the document, it was felt that there was a lot of use of acronyms which could discourage many people. This document will be discussed at the next meeting. Mrs MacLean has attended numeracy and literacy events in the past and found that the sessions are great, but they can be a bit rushed. While she knows there is limited time, she felt that some people might be discouraged from attending. Mr McLaughlin will discuss this with the Maths Dept.

Pupil Equity Fund Update: Mr McLaughlin gave a brief update on behalf of Mrs Kerr. Money is being spent on ideas already including running a breakfast club, which has been well attended. Departments have been putting in bids for money for a variety of ideas.

DYW Update: Mrs Boyle and Mrs Webb explained the plans for the Careers Fayre which will take place on the afternoon of Monday 4 March. This event will be targeting S3 pupils. There will be 2 keynote speakers and approx. 30 participants from various fields of work. We would like a few tradesmen to attend, and the members were asked to pass on any names of suitable people.

AOCB:

- Ms McCarney asked about the sound equipment in the Assembly Hall as there were a few sound problems during the school show in December. Mr McLaughlin explained that he is aware of the problem, but new equipment is too expensive at the moment. Several suggestions on ways to overcome this were discussed.
- Mr Chappelle asked if ICT equipment is being replaced/updated. Mr McLaughlin explained that all computers are colour coded to ensure replacements are made in the correct order, however, due to council savings, these won't be replaced for a while.

- Mrs MacLean enquired about the new House Group (St John Paul) as some pupils don't yet feel a sense of identity. Mrs Heron explained that the new badges had arrived today but were the wrong colour, so needed to be re-ordered. She also explained that the new House Group have had a House Assembly and are still in the same Supporting Learners classes as they were before and this will remain until the 2019-2020 session.

Ms McCarney thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was brought to a close.

Next meeting: Monday 25 March 2019 at 7pm.