

**ST NINIAN'S HIGH SCHOOL**  
**MINUTES OF PARENT COUNCIL MEETING**



**MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2019**

- PRESENT:**
- MR P McLAUGHLIN (HT)
  - MRS S BOYLE (DHT)
  - MRS M HERON (PT Guidance)
  - MS M McCARNEY (Chair)
  - MRS Y WEBB (Vice Chair)
  - MS K McCARTHY (Parent)
  - MS S MacLEAN (Parent)
  - MRS M WILSON (Parent)
  - Ms V McRAE (Parent)
  - MR K McKENNA (Co-opted member)
  - MR D CHAPPELLE (Parent)
  - MRS E CAIRNEY (Parent & PTA Rep)
  - MR T BRESLIN (Church Rep)
  - Cllr S MURRAY (Councillor)
  - MS L FAIRBAIRN (Clerk)
  - Jessica Chappelle (Head Girl)
  - Andrew Harris (Head Boy)
- APOLOGIES:**
- MRS A HENDERSON (Parent)
  - MR J O'DOWD (Parent)
  - MR D McCULLOCH (Parent)
  - MR B MASTERSON (Parent)

Ms McCartney welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The meeting started with the school prayer.

Mr McLaughlin introduced the Head Girl & Head Boy to the group and invited them to explain their role.

The Head Boy and Head Girl showed a video presentation and Jessica explained the importance of "making yourself known" to pupils in other year groups to help the younger pupils feel comfortable approaching captains for help or with suggestions to ensure everyone gets heard. She went on to discuss the Leadership teams and expectations. Andrew explained the Captaincy structure and Leadership Teams and how all of sixth year are involved. He discussed the events planned for the rest of the year, targets for raising money & the charities that will benefit, Literacy and Numeracy, ELR assistance to help pupils stay on track.

They will arrange student led sessions for S2-S4 to give something back to school, and will hold monthly events/house competitions building on Columba 1400's leadership and core values.

Younger pupils can easily recognise the captains easily due to braiding on blazers, and having spoken at assemblies.

Mr McLaughlin explained the procedure for choosing the Head boy and Girl.

Mrs Cairney discussed the phenomenal impact their input has had on the pupils of the ELR. A discussion between the members followed. Mrs McCarney thanked them for their input and both decided to stay for the rest of the meeting.

**Previous Minutes:** Agreed

**Matters Arising:**

**Awards:** Mr McLaughlin told the group about their trip to the TESS Awards in London. We did not win, but it was a good event.

John McKean, Principal Teacher ELR, having won the Scottish Teacher of the Year Award, will be attending the National Awards on Sunday 20 October. We wish him well.

**Proposed Catchment Area Changes:** Following J MacDonald's discussion at the last Parent Council meeting, Mr McLaughlin gave a brief update on the situation. Cllr Murray updated everyone on placing requests and the capacity of various schools.

**PTA Update:** Mrs Cairney gave the update. The PTA raised almost £4000 over the last year. The AGM was held earlier tonight bringing in some new parents. Mrs Cairney plans to speak to new parents at the S1 event next week to explain what the PTA do and to try to recruit more new parent members.

The Christmas Fayre will be held on Thursday 28 November. It was felt that more people are likely to attend on a Thursday evening than a Friday. S6 pupils are willing to help with this event. We will be looking for donations for hampers etc.

The Fashion Show in M&Co will take place on 20 March.

There is still a possibility of holding a car boot sale later in the term.

**Chairs Report:** Mrs McCarney attended the Parent Forum meeting in June. The main focus was on Early Years and feedback from the Education Committee. The next meeting will be later in September.

**HT Report:**

- St Ninian's Feast Day will be held on Friday. This is a non-uniform day. S1, S5 & S6 will Mass with the Arch Bishop at 10.00am in the chapel.
- Senior Prize Giving will be held on Thursday 10 October.
- The change of date for the May Day holiday (8 May) has been approved.
- Mobile phones – we have implemented EDC policy of having mobiles switched off and out of view on school premises to help alleviate distractions in class, society problems and encourage pupils to talk to each other. We have had amazing success with this.
- The impact of school uniform was discussed. Affordability is not an issue.

**DYW:** Mrs Webb discussed the cost of DYW when pupils do not attend, in particular she mentioned the Arnold Clark example where East Dunbartonshire had booked and paid for 30 places and only 3 were taken. This is a wider issue within the authority. This is part of the Find Your Inspiration (FYI) 6 weeks with no exams. Introduction of Nat 4/5 numbers decreased. Authority looking at this.

**AOCB:** Mrs Webb suggested holding another Careers Fayre at the end of October.

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

**Next meeting:** Monday 28 October 2019 at 7pm.