

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



**MONDAY 28 OCTOBER 2019**

**PRESENT:**

MRS S BOYLE (DHT)  
MRS M HERON (PT Guidance)  
MRS M KERR  
MS M McCARNEY (Chair)  
MRS Y WEBB (Vice Chair)  
MR D CHAPPELLE (Parent)  
MS S MacLEAN (Parent)  
MRS M WILSON (Parent)  
MS K McCARTHY (Parent)  
MR D McCULLOCH (Parent)  
Mrs V McRAE (Parent)  
MRS E CAIRNEY (Parent & PTA Rep)  
MR T BRESLIN (Church Rep)  
MR K McKENNA (Co-opted member)  
MS L FAIRBAIRN (Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:**

MR P McLAUGHLIN (HT)  
MRS A HENDERSON (Parent)  
MR J O'DOWD (Parent)  
Cllr S MURRAY  
Cllr THORNTON

Ms McCartney welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The meeting started with the school prayer.

**Previous Minutes:** Agreed

**Matters Arising:**

**Prize Giving:** Mr Breslin commented that the Senior Prize Giving was superb.

Mrs McCarney thanked Mr McKenna for his speech at the event.

**Awards:** Mr McKean PT ELR attended the National TES Awards in the Round House in London earlier this month having won the Scottish Teacher of the Year award. He is now a Silver Award Winner of the Pearson Education Awards.

**PTA Update:** Mrs Cairney explained that she won't be able to attend the Christmas Fayre this year due to a hospital procedure but will have as much in place beforehand as possible. She has several people willing to help, lots of staff are involved, and Mrs Kerr will oversee the event. A PTA meeting was held earlier this evening to finalise arrangements, and recruited a few new members, and expect the event to be as successful as previous years. We will be looking for donations for prizes for the tombola and hampers etc.

**Chairs Report:**

- Mrs McCarney attended the Parent Forum meeting on 23 September. The main topics were Education Committee Nomination, Single Use Plastics and the National Improvement Framework's 5-year plan. A discussion on the purpose of the Forum took place. The next meeting will be held on 18 November.

**HT Report:** Mrs Boyle gave the HT Report in Mr McLaughlin's absence.

- Staffing:
  - 2 x 16-hour posts in the ELR have been filled.
  - Anne Brown (ELR) has retired.
  - Alison Dick (Art & Design) has gone on maternity leave. Her post will be covered by Kay Stewart.
  - Yvonne Brown will take up her teaching post in HFTT next week.
  - Sientje Dombrowski has been covering and leaves us next week.
  - We wish them all well.
- HGIOURS
  - Mrs Boyle explained the background to HGIOURS. Handouts were given to all members and the structures for Pupil Council and School Council were discussed. A Pupil Council meeting was held in September for S1 – S5 and gave pupils an introduction to the document. The Pupil Councils met today. School Council reps will lead one of the self-evaluation activities.

**Pupil Equity – National Improvement Framework:** Mrs Kerr issued the School Improvement Plan and discussed it with the members. This year we have been given £66,000 to help close the gap. The ARC team meet regularly to review the situation and ensure we meet the requirements. The Annual Authority Review meeting will take place soon. We are seeing an increase in achievement including an 80% improvement in reading. Health & Wellbeing is a major focus and we have a full mental health strategy.

**Catchment Consultation:** Mrs Boyle discussed the on-going situation regarding placing requests and the priorities for placing requests was explained. There is a consistent approach with all 5 specialist schools. A second consultation is under way so there is not much to update at this time. Jacqui MacDonald will attend the Parent Forum meeting on 18 November, and a public meeting will be held at 6.30pm on 25 November in Bishopbriggs Academy.

**Education Scotland Inspection of Skills Development Scotland:**

We have 2 Careers Coaches (Lesley and Gail) who come into the school twice per week, and Irene who works with the ELR and Support for Learning pupils. They work alongside the Guidance team and offer a drop-in system as well as scheduled appointments. They have built up a knowledge of families and as a result, we have a high percentage positive destination for leavers. The inspectors will meet with staff and pupil focus groups on Wed 13 November.

**AOCB: DYW:** Careers Fayre for S3

Mrs Webb explained that the Careers Fayre will take place on Monday 9 December. There will be a meeting held later this week to sort out the details. Some S5/S6 may

also attend. Names of anyone in local businesses who are interested in holding a stall should contact Mrs Webb or Ms Fairbairn in the school office ASAP.

A discussion about pupils attending Uni Open Days followed. Miss McCahill will be taking a group to the Careers Fayre in the Kirkintilloch town hall this week. If anyone organises a self-found placement, Miss McCahill will arrange H&S checks.

**China:** Mrs Kerr gave a very positive update on the recent trip to China.

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

**Proposed Next meeting:** Monday 2 December 2019 at 7pm.