

**Minutes of Parent Council Meeting held on**

**Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**MINUTE SET NO 47**

**ST ANDREW'S AND ST BRIDE'S PARENT COUNCIL**

Meeting of: St. Andrew's and St. Bride's Parent Council, East Kilbride  
 Location: Conference Room, St Andrew's and St Bride's High School. Platthorn Drive,  
 East Kilbride

Date: Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Present	Mrs Caroline McDonald	Chair
	Mrs Hilary Kirby	Parent Member (Treasurer)
	Mrs Pamela Hagan	Parent Member
	Mr Philip Harris	Parent Member
	Mrs Elaine Martin	Parent Member
	Mrs Fiona McLean	Parent Member
	Mrs Frances O'Connor	Parent Member
	Mrs Claire Perrett	Parent Member
	Ms Jane Porter	Parent Member
	Mr John Russell	Church Representative
	Mr Alan Cresswell	Staff Member
	Mr Brian Nelson	Staff Member
	Mrs Fiona Mullen	Head Teacher and Principal Advisor

#### **1 Welcome and Apologies**

Mrs McDonald welcomed everyone and Mr Russell opened the meeting with a prayer. Apologies were received from Mr B Harkin, Mr J Toner and Mr K Slowey.

#### **2 Minutes of Previous Meeting.**

The Minutes from the meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> January were read and approved.

#### **3 Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

At this point Mr Nelson advised that he will put the evaluation from the Careers fair on the school website and the turnouts for the Parents Evening were S2 93%, S3 94% and S5/6 85%.

#### **4 School Business**

##### **4.1 Staffing**

Mrs Mullen advised the following:

- Mrs E McLaughlin has secured the post of PT Support for Learning.
- Mrs L D'Arcy has secured the post of PT Pupil Support.
- The school has secured Miss L Dickson NQT, English Department, Mr A Bartleman. Technical Department and Mr Fraser McNicol, Social Sciences Department.

Mrs Mullen also advised that the Computing, Biology and Home Economics Department are areas where staffing needs to be secured.

##### **4.2 Improvement Plan Update**

Mrs Mullen highlighted the following major initiatives:

- Literacy and Numeracy
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Triple E Suite
- Enhanced Transition
- Making Rights Real

### 4.3 Improvement Plan 2017/18

Mrs Mullen advised the following:

- There will be an Improvement Planning Week which will include all groups across the school.
- The Parent Forum will be involved in the Improvement Plan.
- Through the Pupil Equity Funding initiative the school will receive £74,400.

At this point a discussion took place on the restrictions of and suggestions on the spending of the PEF.

### 4.4 Recent School News

Mrs Mullen advised the following on what has been happening over the last 2 months:

- Insight into National Benchmarking based on leaver information.
- S2 Options – personalisation and choice for S2. There will be a pilot of Environmental Science and the CVS course will be revamped.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> round of Supported Study has started.

### 4.5 School Achievements

- Chloe Carmichael and Faith Sandich have been nominated for the Youth Parliament for East Kilbride.
- Youth Speaks – pupils were runners up in both intermediate and senior sections of Scotland and North England heats.
- Debating – Junior team through to the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the English Speaking Union Juniors Debating Competition. Senior team through to the semi-finals of the Donald Dewar Cup.
- Lanark Go4set challenge – pupils through to National Final in June.
- Congratulations to Luke Sharkey S3 and Sean Harkins S2 who won Gold Awards in the prestigious UKMT maths follow up competitions. Luke has been selected, as one of only 49 students in the UK, to attend a mathematics summer school in Oxford University. This invite is due to his mazing score in the last round of The Intermediate Maths Competition (IMC)

### 4.7 Spiritual Life of the School

Mr Russell advised that all S2 pupils have been on retreat to Chatelherault.

Mass is taking place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during Lent in the Oratory at 8.15am/ On Ash Wednesday there was a service for all S1 pupils in St Bride's church. The remainder of pupils received their ashes during 5 different services in the school.

## 5 Fundraising

Mrs Kirby advised that the balance of funds to date is £2300 after paying for the online booking facility for Parents Evening as discussed at the last meeting. Mr Nelson advised that the quiz night raised £1700 for the school fund.

## 6 Correspondence

There was no correspondence received.

## 7 Any Other Competent Business

### 7.1 Parental Involvement

Mrs Kirby advised that there will be a meeting in May at Duncanrig High School to try and put together a strategy on how to involve parents/carers of pupils from early years to secondary years.

This concluded the meeting. Mr Russell closed the meeting with a prayer. The next meeting will be a meeting of the **Parent Forum** and will take place on Monday, **24<sup>th</sup> April 2017** at **7pm** in the Street area of the school.

Signed: ..... C McDonald .....  
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Date: ..... 12. 6. 17 .....