

Minutes of Parent Council Meeting held on

Monday, 28 August 2017

MINUTE SET NO 49

ST ANDREW'S AND ST BRIDE'S PARENT COUNCIL

Newly Qualified Teachers

- Michael Reid Art
- Andrew Cox Biology
- James Hamilton Chemistry
- Craig Moffat English
- Cheryl Ramsay Maths
- Darren Smith PE

4.2 SQA Examination Results

Mrs Mullen advised that the SQA results had been fantastic across the board and detailed the following achievements:

- S4 5 awards @ National 5 Level 63%
- S4 8 awards @ National 5 Level 30%
- S5 3 awards @ Higher Level 74%
- S5 5 awards @ Higher Level 42%
- S6 5 awards @ Higher Level 42%
- S4 - 20 pupils achieved 8 A passes at National 5 level which equates to 8% of the cohort.
- S5 59% achieved 3 Highers at level 6
- S5 33% achieved 5 Highers at level 6

Mrs Mullen concluded by re-iterating how positive the SQA results were and confirmed that pupils were achieving record results.

4.3 Awards Ceremony

The Awards Ceremony will take place on Thursday 14 September at 7.30pm. The invited guest speaker is Bernard Ponsonby, broadcast journalist and television presenter.

4.4 Leadership Team

Mrs Mullen confirmed that the quality of the applications for the Leadership Team had been outstanding and that 18 pupils had been interviewed. The results were:

- Head Girl Alice Glass
- Head Boy Jack Mitchell Divers
- Depute Head Girls Clare McDonald, Emma Barrie, Nicola Gray
- Depute Head Boys Andrew McPherson, Jack McLeish, Calum Henry

4.5 First Minister's Visit

Mrs Mullen advised that First Minister Nicola Sturgeon had visited the school on 21 August as part of the First Minister's Reading Challenge.

4.6 Improvement Plan

Mrs Mullen reported that the Improvement Plan will follow a 3 year cycle and discussed the different strategies for each year. The following initiatives were highlighted:

- To improve attainment and achievement
- To implement and embrace revised CfE
- To improve the learning environment
- To develop whole school policies

4.7 Mary's Meals Twinning Project in Malawi

Mrs Burns, a staff member from the Maths Department, attended tonight's meeting as part of the Pastoral Planning Team. Mrs Burns advised that after a pupil vote, it was decided that the school's International Fundraising Project will support Mary's Meals. St Andrew's and St Bride's has now been twinned with Damu Primary School in the Balaka region of Malawi. The primary school has 302 pupils and at a cost of £13.90 to feed one child for a full year, the yearly cost for supporting the school kitchen is £4198. £1000 has already been raised by our school through the Superstars competition held in June and Mrs Burns thanked everyone who was involved in and supported this event. To find out more about the project search online at 'SASB friendship with DAMU'. Before concluding the update Mrs Burns advised that Jo Black, charity representative from Mary's Meal and Jimmy Belabre, one of the users of Mary's Meals, would be visiting the school next week.

5 Fundraising

Mrs Kirby advised that the fundraising balance is sitting at just over £2100. Mrs Kirby will advise the date of the Christmas Fayre in due course.

6 Correspondence

There was no correspondence recorded.

7 Any Other Competent Business

7.1 Planning Application

A discussion took place regarding the planning application by Lidl to build a store on the former Atholl House site. Members expressed their concerns at the application and highlighted pupil safety being compromised if it was granted. It was agreed that Mrs McDonald would lodge an objection from the Parent Council and she advised members to do this on an individual basis also.

Furthermore, Mrs McDonald will obtain contact information for Councillors at SLC in order that objections/concerns can be forwarded to them.

This concluded the meeting. Mr Russell closed the meeting with a prayer. The next meeting will be a meeting of the Parent Forum which will take place on Monday, **9 October 2017** at **7pm** in the Street.

Signed: C McDonald.....

Position: Chair.....

Date: 12 November 2017.....