

**Minutes of Parent Council Meeting held on
Monday, 13 November 2017**

MINUTE SET NO 50

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, 13 November 2017

Present	Mrs Caroline McDonald	Chair
	Mrs Hilary Kirby	Parent Member (Treasurer)
	Mr Bernard Harkin	Parent Member
	Mr Philip Harris	Parent Member
	Mrs Fiona McLean	Parent Member
	Mrs Lisa Miller	Parent Member
	Mrs Frances O'Connor	Parent Member
	Mr Alan Cresswell	Staff Member
	Mrs Fiona Mullen	Head Teacher

1 **Welcome and Apologies**

Mrs McDonald welcomed everyone to the meeting before members introduced themselves for the benefit of Mrs Miller, a new parent member.

Apologies were received from Mrs S Clayton, Mrs P Hagan, Mrs C Perrett, Mr J Toner and Mr B Nelson.

2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting.**

The Minutes from the meeting of 28 August were read and approved.

3 **Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

At this point Mrs McDonald asked if there was any update on the planning application by Lidl to build on the former site of Atholl House. Members advised that there was no information as yet on the outcome of the application.

4 **School Business**

4.1 **Caritas**

Mrs Mullen advised that 42 pupils took part in the Caritas Commissioning Service on 25 October in Motherwell Cathedral led by Bishop Toal.

4.2 **Charities**

Mrs Mullen reported that the school's International Fundraising Project, which supports Mary's Meals, has raised £3800 towards its yearly target of £4198. All the schools in the Learning Community have joined in to support the project as have the parishes who are supporting it through prayer and advertising.

4.3 **Kilbride Hospice**

S6 pupils and staff raised £3000 for Kilbride Hospice by climbing Tinto Hill on 17 September.

4.4 **Anthony Nolan Trust**

Pupils and teachers between 16 and 30 years old were given the opportunity to join the UK register when representatives from the Anthony Nolan Trust visited the school in October.

4.5 Shoe Box Appeal

The S6 Charities Committee will deliver 190 shoe boxes to Blythwood Care tomorrow in support of their 2017 Appeal.

4.6 Debating and Public Speaking

Mrs Mullen advised that 2 S5 pupils have qualified for the 2nd round of the Scullion Law Debating Competition. On Thursday pupils will take part in the Donald Dewar Memorial Debate Tournament in Holy Cross High School. Both junior and senior teams won the EK Heats of the Rotary Club's Youth Speaks Public Speaking Competition.

4.7 Making Rights Real

Mrs Mullen confirmed that the Making Rights Real committee have finalised their Mission Statement and have visited a graphic designer who will produce their logo. Once completed, the logo will be hung in the street area of the school.

4.8 Holocaust Memorial Day 2018

Mrs Mullen reported that the school will host the Holocaust Memorial Day on 24 January 2018. South Lanarkshire will provide support and the school will put together a group of pupils and staff which will decide on how best to organise the event.

4.9 Centenary of the 1918 Education Act

Next year the school is being asked to mark the Centenary of the 1918 Education Act. The Scottish Catholic Education Service is providing materials, detailing the historic significance of this event, to use in the classroom. The icon of Jesus Our Teacher will travel around the country and will come to Motherwell in October 2018. A poster of the icon is on display in the Conference Room.

4.10 Better Eating, Better Learning – A New Context for School Food

After winning the Better Eating, Better Learning competition last year, Mrs Mullen and Mrs McLeod (Head Cook) have decided that this year the theme for the school will include the Centenary of the 1918 Education Act.

5 Fundraising

Mrs Kirby advised that the fundraising balance is £800 after buying netball strips for the PE department.

The Christmas Fayre takes place on Saturday 18 November at 12pm. Mrs Kirby appealed for donations.

6 Correspondence

6.1 Scottish Catholic Education Newsletter dated September 2017.

6.2 Mrs McDonald emailed members a copy of the letters from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills launching the consultation – Empowering Schools: A Consultation on the Draft Provisions in the Education (Scotland) Bill.

6.3 Thank you card from Moira Agnew to the Parent Council for her retirement gift.

7 Any Other Competent Business

There was no other competent business recorded.

This concluded the meeting. The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place on Monday, **29** January 2018 at **7pm** in the Street.

Signed: Pamela McDonald

Position: Chair

Date: 29.1.18