

Minutes of Parent Council Meeting held on

Monday, 29 January 2018

MINUTE SET NO 51

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. Plattthorn Drive,
 East Kilbride

Date: Monday, 29 January 2018

Present	Mrs Caroline McDonald	Chair
	Mrs Hilary Kirby	Parent Member (Treasurer)
	Mrs Samantha Clayton	Parent Member
	Mrs Pamela Hagan	Parent Member
	Mr Bernard Harkin	Parent Member
	Mr Philip Harris	Parent Member
	Mrs Fiona McLean	Parent Member
	Ms Jane Porter	Parent Member
	Mr Jim Toner	Staff Member
	Mr John Russell	Church Representative
	Mr Alan Cresswell	Staff Member
	Mr Brian Nelson	Staff Member
	Mr John McGurk	Staff Member
	Mr Kenny Slowey	Staff Member
	Mrs Fiona Mullen	Head Teacher
	Councillor Joseph Fagan	South Lanarkshire Council

1 Welcome and Apologies

Mrs McDonald welcomed everyone and Mr Russell began the meeting with a prayer. Apologies were received from Mr T Chambers, Mrs E Miller and Mrs F O'Connor.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The Minutes from the meeting of 13 November were read and approved.

3 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

4 School Business

4.1 South Lanarkshire Council Holocaust Memorial Event

Mrs Mullen advised that the school had the honour of hosting The Holocaust Memorial Event last Wednesday evening. The event was a definite success and Mrs Mullen congratulated all the children from across South Lanarkshire who took part.

4.2 Empowering Schools – Consultation on Education (Scotland)

Mrs Mullen reported that the Consultation closes tomorrow and that the school has collectively pulled a response together. Mrs Mullen explained what is meant by the term Empowering Schools and discussed the proposals in the consultation paper including a Headteachers' Charter and Regional Improvement Collaboratives (RICs). Mrs Mullen will forward Mrs McDonald a copy of the school's response to the consultation. Mrs McDonald will draft a response to the consultation from the Parent Council and send round members before submitting by 6 February.

4.3 Staffing

Mrs Mullen advised that at a recent staffing meeting the predicted school role for the academic year 2018/19 was estimated at 1385, suggesting an initial staffing increase by 2.2. Certain departments will be targeted with this extra allocation.

- **Recruitment** – 2 new members of staff have been secured for the Maths Department. Mary Campbell joins the school today and Laura Savage will start on 19 February.
- **Advert for DHT** – the substantive post of Depute Head Teacher will be advertised just after the Easter holidays.
- **Maternity Leave** -Mrs P Harvie, Music Department, returns to school this week. Mrs L Madden, Biology Department, returns at the end of March. Mrs LA Quinn will go on maternity leave at the end of May.
- **Retirement** – Mrs Irene MacIntyre, Geography Department, retires at the end of June.

4.4 Rights Respecting Schools (Making Rights Real)

The banners designed by the Making Rights Real Group showing their charter and logo are now on display in the street area of the school.

4.5 SQA Changes

Mrs Mullen confirmed that for the academic year 2018/19, unit assessments will no longer be a requirement to gain a Higher course award and the History Higher paper will now consist of 2 papers instead of 1.

4.6 Scottish National Standardised Assessments

Mr McGurk advised that S3 pupils will complete an online standardised assessment in literacy and numeracy. The aim of these assessments is to help identify pupils' progress and diagnose where mediation is required. Mr McGurk provided an example of an assessment on the power point and advised that there will be a S3 informative evening for parents/guardians to allay any concerns.

5 Fundraising

Mrs Kirby advised that the Christmas Fayre raised £682 and the current balance in the fundraising balance is £1600. Studio 32 will perform in the school on 2 March to raise funds for the Parent Council and for the Lourdes trip at Easter.

6 Correspondence

6.1 Scottish Catholic Education Newsletter dated January 2018

7 Any Other Competent Business

7.1 Careers Fair

Mr Nelson advised that the Careers Fayre will take place on Thursday 1 February from 6.30-8.30pm. This is open to all pupils and parents/guardians. Presentation slots can be booked on the school website.

7.2 Atholl House Site

A question was asked regarding the progress of the planning application by Lidl to build a new site on the grounds of Atholl House. Councillor Fagan advised that no decision has been made yet and that the next planning committee meeting will take place in March.

7.3 Whitemoss Underpass Flooding

Mrs Mullen asked Councillor Fagan if he could help resolve the problem of flooding at the Whitemoss underpass. Councillor Fagan advised that he would look into it.

This concluded the meeting. The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place on Monday, **19 March** 2018 at **7pm** in the Conference Room.

Signed: Patrick McDonald

Position: Chair

Date: 19.3.18