

Minutes of Parent Council Meeting held on

Monday 27 August 2018

MINUTE SET NO 54

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. Plathorn Drive,
 East Kilbride

Date: Monday 27 August 2018

Present	Mrs Hilary Kirby	Parent Member (Treasurer)
	Mrs Pamela Hagan	Parent Member
	Mr Bernard Harkin	Parent Member
	Mr Philip Harris	Parent Member
	Mrs Claire Perrett	Parent Member
	Mr John Russell	Church Representative
	Mr Alan Cresswell	Staff Member
	Mr Brian Nelson	Staff Member
	Mrs Fiona Mullen	Head Teacher
	Councillor Joe Fagan	South Lanarkshire Council

1 Welcome and Apologies

In the interim of a new Chair being appointed, Mrs Mullen chaired tonight's meeting.

Mrs Mullen began by welcoming everyone to the first meeting of the new school session. Mr Russell opened the meeting with a prayer.

Apologies were received from Mr T Chambers, Mrs F O'Connor, Mrs F McLean, Mrs M White and Mr R Hannah.

At this point in the meeting a discussion took place to elect a new Chair for the Parent Council.

As Mr Philip Harris was the only volunteer for the position, he was elected as the new Chair and was thanked by Mrs Mullen.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The Minutes from the meeting of 21 May were read and approved.

3 There were no matters arising from the Minutes

4 School Business

4.1 Staffing

Mrs Mullen reported the following update on staffing:

- **New Staff**

Lauren McCabe	Home Economics commencing 22 October.
Stephanie McBride	Drama Maternity cover for LA Quinn.
Jenny Dunn	Biology Maternity cover for L Kerr
Zohra Leggate	Support Assistant
Ross Mathieson	Drama
John Johnstone	Religious Education
Ruth Kerr	Modern Languages
Claire Gemson	English

- **Newly Qualified Teachers**
James Gardiner Art
Rebecca Moore Modern Studies
Hannah Paterson Physical Education
- **Position to Fill**
Biology

4.2 SQA Examination Results

Mrs Mullen advised that it has been another fantastic year with regard to the SQA results. Mrs Mullen gave a detailed powerpoint presentation on the results which reported:

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| • S4 | 5 + | National 5 Qualifications | 63% |
| • S4 | 8 | National 5 Qualifications | 32% |
| • S5 | 3 | Highers | 65% |
| • S5 | 5 | Highers | 26% |
| • S6 | 3 | Highers | 64% |
| • S6 | 5 | Highers | 49% |

4.3 Award Ceremony

Mrs Mullen confirmed that the Award Ceremony will take place on Thursday 20 September. The invited speaker is Gillian Docherty, CEO of The Data Lab.

4.4 Senior Leadership Team

Mrs Mullen advised that after interviewing 20 S6 candidates for the positions of Head Girl/Boy and Deputies, the following pupils were elected:

- Head Girl Katie Hunter
- Head Boy Luke Laverty
- Deputies Niamh Dickson, Luis Goncalves, Jessica Hagan, Saskia Harris, Andrew Lochrin and Rachael Smith.

4.5 Improvement Plan Overview

Mrs Mullen reported that the school's improvement plan is in the 2nd year of a 3 year cycle. Mrs Mullen discussed the following main points of the improvement plan: Curriculum, Improvement and GIRFEC.

4.6 Scottish National Standardised Assessments (SNSA)

Mrs Mullen distributed copies and talked through the SNSA results analysis 2017-2018 Reading and Writing for S3.

4.7 Validated Self Evaluation (VSE)

Mrs Mullen explained that VSE is a voluntary process that helps the school validate its own self-evaluation procedures. A team from the authority will be coming into the school on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 October to find out what procedures the school has and how it uses these procedures to correctly evaluate its performance.

5 Fundraising

Mrs Kirby advised that it has still to be decided whether or not the Christmas Fayre will take place this year.

6 Correspondence

There was no correspondence recorded.

Any Other Competent Business

6.1 Period Poverty

Mrs Mullen advised that the school has been asked to be the face of Period Poverty in South Lanarkshire. A Period Poverty committee has been set up, comprising of senior girls, and met with Lynn Sherry, Head of Education, SLC, Linda Fabiani MSP and Collette Stephenson, Depute Provost, in the school on Thursday 16 August. The committee will hold assemblies on 2 September for female pupils to explain and discuss the Period Poverty initiative. Letters will also be issued to parents/guardians.

6.2 Parent Forum Speaker


A short discussion took place regarding ideas for the subject matter/speaker for the Parent Forum meeting in October.

6.3 Trees

A question was asked regarding the lack of tree pruning around Platthorn Park. Councillor Fagan advised that the roads department have been out to inspect the area around the village and the underpass leading to the village from the school. Councillor Fagan asked to be contacted with any other areas that are affected.

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 1 October 2018.

Signed:



Position:

CHAIR -

Date:

26/11/18