

Minutes of Parent Council Meeting held on

Monday, 21st November 2016

MINUTE SET NO 45

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, 21 st November 2016	
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 Frances O'Connor	Parent Member
	Mr John Russell	Church Representative
	Mr Alan Cresswell	Staff Member
	Mr Brian Nelson	Staff Member
	Mr Kenny Slowey	Staff Member
	Mrs Katrina Lyon	Staff Member (PT English Department)
	Mrs Lucy D'Arcy	Staff Member (English Department)
	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 Mrs S Clayton, Mrs P Hagan and Ms J Porter.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The Minutes from the meeting of 29th August were read and approved.

3 Matters arising from the Minutes

3.1 Parent Forum

Members agreed that the new format of the Parent Forum meeting had been very successful. The evaluation results from the meeting are available on the school website

4 School Business

Before Mrs Mullen began her report on school business, she introduced 2 members of staff from the English Department, Mrs L D'Arcy and Mrs K Lyon, who had come along to the meeting to give 2 presentations. In addition, Mrs Lyon was seeking financial assistance from the Parent Council for books for the English Department.

Mrs D'Arcy began the first presentation on the school's Literacy Strategy by circulating 2 copies of 'The Literacy Toolkit' which has been created by the school's literacy working group. Mrs D'Arcy gave members an insight into the toolkit and discussed the purpose and the contents of it. Mrs D'Arcy advised that the Literacy Toolkit had now been passed to the Authority and is being used in schools across South Lanarkshire.

Mrs Lyon then shared a paper copy of her presentation 'Growing Our School's Reading Culture and Encouraging Our Readers'.

The presentation included:

- Changes to practice in the English Department
- . S1/2 Library Programme,
- . Author Visits and Star Readers
- . Different events that take place including World Book Day and Book Week Scotland
- Targeted intervention with pupils who are at level 1 Reading.

At this point, Mrs Lyon asked for financial assistance to buy 24 books to aid the targeted intervention strategy. Members agreed and the books will be financed from the Parent Council fundraising account. Mrs Mullen thanked Mrs D'Arcy and Mrs Lyon for coming along to tonight's meeting and praised the work of the school's literacy group.

4.1 Latest Documents

Mrs Mullen discussed the following:

- Delivering Excellence and Equality – Delivery Plan
- Empowering Teachers, Parents and Communities

At this point in the meeting a discussion took place on how best to inform parents/carers about the Governance Review. Mrs Mullen advised that full details are available on the Education Scotland Website. In addition, a meeting will be held on 13th December in The Banqueting Suite, South Lanarkshire Council, Hamilton for all teachers and parents/carers with regard to this document.

4.2 Standards and Quality Report, Improvement Plan 2016-2017.

Mrs Mullen explained how the Index of Multiple Deprivation Scottish (SIMD) ties into the recent SQA results.

4.3 Senior Leadership Team

Mrs Mullen advised that following recent elections, S6 pupils Callum Field and Erin McPhake have been appointed as Head Boy and Head Girl. Senior prefects and prefects have also been put in place. These prefects help with various organisations within the school and 53 pupils attended a Leadership Course in Chatelherault Country Park on Friday.

4.4 Caritas

Mrs Mullen confirmed that 43 pupils are taking part in the Caritas group. Bishop Toal officiated at the Commissioning Service at Motherwell Cathedral

4.5 Sports Leaders

Two pupils Jessica Hagan and Andrew Lochran have been elected as the Sports Ambassadors for the school. The pupils arranged a sports day for girls in order to help achieve the gold standard award for the school.

4.6 Tinto Hill

Over 30 pupils took part in a walk up Tinto Hill raising £3200 for The Kilbryde Hospice.

4.7 S6 Charities Committee

Mrs Mullen discussed the various local, national and international charities that the charities committee are looking at.

A Christmas Jumper Day will be held to raise funds for Teenage Cancer Trust.

4.8 Debating and Public Speaking

Mrs Mullen advised that pupils had won in both the intermediate and senior sections of the Rotary Club's, Youth Speaks Public Speaking Competition. In addition, S5 pupils have qualified for the 2nd round of the Donald Dewar Memorial Law Society Debating Competition.

4.9 S4 Supported Study

A five week supported study programme for S4 pupils is currently underway. S4 National Qualification 'catch up' will take place on Monday 28th November.

4.10 Prelim Exams

The diet of prelim examinations will be take place between Wednesday 7th and Friday 16th December.

4.11 Multicultural Day

On Wednesday 30th November the school will hold a Multicultural Day to mark St Andrew's Day. Mass will be celebrated and pupils and staff will be asked to wear something that marks their culture.

5 Fundraising

Mrs Kirby advised that the Christmas fayre raised £1084.97. The fundraising balance sits at just over £2000. Mrs Kirby thanked the members of the Leadership Team for their help in setting up for the Christmas Fayre

6 Correspondence

There was no correspondence recorded.

7 Any Other Competent Business

There was no other competent business recorded.

This concluded the meeting. Mr Russell closed the meeting with a prayer. The next meeting will take place on Monday, 23rd January 2017 at 7pm in the Conference Room.

Signed: Carole McDonald

Position: Chair of Parent Council

Date: 23.1.16