

OLM PARENT COUNCIL – MINUTES

17th April 2018 | 7.30pm | St Ninian's High School



Attendees

Mrs McGrotty, Joanne Logan, Denis Heraghty, Mrs Cochrane, Mrs Dillion-Ruddy, Gillian Boyle, Shazia Parvez, Anne-Marie O'Brien, Clare Bowes, Pauline Murphy, Jo Heraghty, JP Sheridan, Chris McLaughlin, Gerard Devenney, Steve Gray, Mairead Brophy, Cllr. Jim Fletcher, Michael Harvey, Lorna Drummond, Mary Moore, Karen O'Hara

Apologies Michael McKenzie, Roisin Keane (noted Intention to resign), Claire Clark, Catriona Bark

AGENDA TOPICS

Apologies and approval of minutes
Chair's update / working groups
Cost of the school day presentation (Nicola Cochrane PT)
Centenary update
School improvement plan 2018-19
EIS pay claim
Achievements and successes
Head teacher's report
AOCB

Discussion / action items

Apologies were noted and the previous minutes were approved subject to some changes on attendees / apologies

Discussion / action items

Chair's update/ PC Working groups

Gillian Boyle

Guinness World record attempt in final stages and appeal to encourage the children to be their best. **Playground work** delayed due to poor weather conditions recently however will be rescheduled. **International day** preparations are well underway showcasing 31 countries/heritages.

Traffic Working Group GB, PM met with Miss Thomson + pupil junior road safety representatives to discuss initiatives to involve children to actively encourage road and parking safety. Children had very imaginative ideas.

Karen O'Hara,
Pauline Murphy

ACTION – 2nd meeting required to finalise plans for name the car park completion, discuss signage and potential of red boxing of the ramp down to the cages car park and painting pedestrian crossings

Miss C Thomson

Cost of the school day presentation

Mrs Cochrane PT

Mrs Cochrane presented on a new toolkit developed by the National Parent Forum in conjunction with the Scottish Child Poverty Action Group called "The Cost of the School Day". All members participated in quiz highlighting the child poverty rates and the corresponding causes and consequences. A significant number of children in our catchment area are living in poverty. More information can be found at <https://www.npfs.org.uk/2017/11/cost-of-the-school-day-parent-council-toolkit/>

ACTION Create a group to work through the toolkit in more detail. Consider measures to reduce pressures associated with uniform, trips, eating at school, travelling to school etc.

Encourage those eligible to apply for additional support e.g. register for free school meals etc.

All

Discussion / action items

Centenary update

Mrs McGrotty DHT

OLM participating in the following aspects to promote Catholic Education

- ICON will be in Paisley Aug & September
- Assemblies with Common Good theme
- Bishop John's tweets
- Cantata demonstrated community coming together
- Involvement in the 'Cluster' Film
- Creation of wall displays as a focal point for children in the school
- Celebrate the 'National Mass' 14th June in Falkirk

School improvement plan 2018-19

Mrs Dillon Ruddy

Self-evaluation has been carried out and parents' view were taken into account by collecting post it notes from parents evening which will be presented at next meeting.

Workshop 'How good is our School'

Draft plan will be ready in May

STEM work to continue

EIS pay claim

Item added to agenda for member awareness

Head teacher's report

Communications strategy

Communications policy has been emailed to members (GB email 9th May Comms in School), three attachments OLM Strategy comms, Comms group updated and Comms survey to be reviewed.

Refer to Newsletter for full update on staffing news.

Info in Brief - New depute Angela O'Connor will replace Mrs Devlin upon retirement.

Four new teachers have been appointed

Discussion / action items

SPACE Pioneers/Architecture Designs Scotland

Student designers will be interviewed to deliver children's ideas and make them reality, HACKS will be viewed and the vision is to support the development of a Young Workforce.

PEF Fund

Funding has been increased from 49K to 51K , work enabled by the funding includes;

Miss Kane looking at pupil achievements

Breakfast club to support with homework

Pre teaching from Feb to June

Reading Café

Rhythm club

Set up and Nurture

Vandalism

DCR reported occasions of windows being smashed and CCTV footage being reviewed.

AOCB

Gerard Devenney expressed his wish to remain on interviewing panels and undergo relevant training.

Achievements and Successes

VR headsets have been viewed with enthusiasm by the pupils

P7 trip to Schoenstatt Scotland UK was enjoyed

Cantata very well received by staff and local community

Children are enjoying the new library

STEM fair @ St Ninians was insightful and helped towards encouraging children to pursue and continue with STEM subjects

Children demo'd admirably engagement when involved in the school debate and did very well.

Closing

Final meeting of the year will take place Thursday 31st May.