



ST. NINIAN'S HIGH SCHOOL, GIFFNOCK

# S4 Pupil Council Minutes

<p><b>DATE of MTG: 21/10/2014</b>  <b>PLACE: Geo 2</b>  <b>TIME: 8.45am</b></p>	<p><b>Present:</b></p> <p>P. Marshall, C Ward (PTPS)      N Macdonald (DHT)</p> <p>4a1: Alishba Ahmed, Sehrish Irfan  4a2: Ciara Mone, Ryan Deveney  4a3: Mirabel Lawson, Sean Reilly  4a4: Taylor Jackson, Patrick Entwistle  4a5: Paolo Costantini, rhona McTeague  4a6: Max MaAllan, Eden Smith  4a7: Marc McSorley, Lucy Bastable  4a8: Claire Currie, Andrew O'Donnell  4a9: Michael McGrade, Carmen Connell  4a10: Michaela Murray, Subhan Mohammed</p>
Agenda & Minutes	Action
<p>The Pupil Council meeting was opened with the school prayer.</p> <p>1. Pupil Council Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Macdonald spoke to the representatives about their responsibilities as pupil council members.</li> <li>• Pupils were informed of the format of the council meetings. They were asked to discuss each meeting with their class in PSHE and bring items forward for the next agenda.</li> </ul> <p>2. Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupils stated that feedback is usually given on a one to one basis around the time of reporting but this was not consistent across subjects.</li> <li>• Pupils agreed that feedback, when given, was extremely useful and helped them to focus their revision.</li> <li>• A discussion took place about a merit and demerit system with some pupils liking the idea of these appearing on a report. Some pupils disagreed and preferred the comment for behaviour, effort and homework.</li> </ul>	

### 3. Extra-Curricular Activities

- All pupils agreed that there are lots of clubs and groups within the school. One pupil asked for more in depth information at assembly, such as guest speakers, instead of an overview of all of the clubs.
- Staff informed pupils of the extracurricular activities booklet which can be found on the wider achievement website.
- Pupils asked if some more supported study sessions could be offered for S4 students. They understood that there will be some offered around prelim time but some expressed a concern that it may be more beneficial during this term.

### 4. Faith Life and Gospel Values

- Pupils aware of the importance of the Gospel Values and how they underpin everything that happens in St Ninian's.
- Pupils aware of morning mass and liturgical services and seen the value in attending these events.
- Some pupils expressed a concern that they would like to see more S4 pupils at events, one way to do this is to ask different people to be readers and helpers at faith events.

### 5. Transition into S4

- Pupils felt that there was a lot of pressure on them from their teachers but understood the reasoning behind this.
- Pupils mentioned friends from other schools that were struggling in S4 because the standard was not set in S3. They said that this was not the case here.
- Pupils concerned about teachers commenting on the uncertainty of National 4 and 5 assessments. They stated that teacher uncertainty made them more nervous and could be off putting.

### 6. Study Skills

- Staff reminded pupils about the S4 Information Evening.
- It was agreed that the information evening should be on the next council agenda.

### 7. AOCB

- One pupil asked if the website could be advertised

more as he felt that there was a lot of useful information on it but not everyone uses it.

- A discussion took place about departments putting study resources online. GLOW was suggested as a platform for this.
- A discussion took place about being allowed out to Giffnock at break times. Staff explained that it was for the pupils' own safety and that there were plenty of options within school for food and activities during break times.
- Pupils asked about the possibility of air conditioning in the changing rooms. Some boys said that the male changing rooms are too warm after an activity session.