

St Ninian's Parent Council



Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 13 January 2014

Present	M Ward D Manini C Merrick	J McLachlan P McGrotty	A McGowan R Convery
In Attendance	J A Docherty J Fuchs J Cumming	Cllr G McAskill Cllr V Waters K Ross	Cllr J Fletcher Cllr G Wallace
Apologies	Patricia Burns Cllr Montague J McAllister	J Mackie Cllr J Swift	

Opening Prayer

Mr Ward welcomed the Council and started the meeting with a prayer.

Apologies

Received from Cllr J Swift, Cllr M Montague, J Mackie, P Burns, J McAllister

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting (November 2013) were proposed by J McLachlan and seconded by P McGrotty

4. Outdoor Sports facilities.

Progressing well. The red blaes area has been tarmac'd and drainage installed. No dates yet for the handover of the 2nd pitch.

5. Proposed Car Park

Cllr Watters stated that the car park proposed for the hut area will no longer be going ahead. All current plans for Eastwood Park are being abandoned, and a Masterplan for the entire Park is to be created (upgrading and changing the layout) with the Director of Environment heading up a Committee composed from all service users of the park. K Ross will be the schools representative. Cllr Watters also stated that the huts were going to be removed and that area will be given back to the school to do with as we wish.

The changes to Eastwood Park will be part of the 2014-15 budget which commences April 2014. Cllr Watters mentioned that tennis courts had been proposed as an addition to Eastwood Park, funded by additional money but this may no longer happen as the proposed site was where new car parking may be sited. If possible however they will be within Eastwood Park. An alternative placement for them is Roukenglen Park where the school would take advantage of these courts within the PE section of the timetable. Mr Docherty requested that if the courts are sited with Roukenglen Park, if possible would ERC consider a location which minimises travel time & distance from the school.

Cllr Watters will keep the Parent Council updated.

6. Road Safety Matters

Cllr Watters advised that a traffic survey on movements within the Park had been completed and was due to be reported imminently and that he would forward a copy of the report to the Parent Council.

There was a proposed cycle lane to be added into Fenwick Road, Giffnock but this has now been shelved.

7. Proposed new Primary School in Newton Mearns

The meeting with Father Boyle was postponed due to a bereavement. A consultation paper is expected to be published on 17.1.14. There are

implications for SNHS and a response will be considered from the Parent Council after that.

8. Head Teacher's Report

Mr Docherty said it had been another great end of term and that the school has started back well. Prelims are about to begin and the introduction for the new qualifications are going well. The new sporting facilities look great.

Mr Docherty stated that the support of the Council for our school has been excellent.

K Ross and J Cumming gave a presentation on the Consultation process that takes place between the school, pupils and parents.

9. Chairpersons Report

M Ward sent an email "Training for Recruitment" which takes place 12.3.14. J Mackie volunteered for this course. If anyone else would like to take part, let M Ward know.

The Parent Council chairpersons meeting will take place 12.2.14 at MCHS. M Ward cannot attend, and enquired if someone else can go in his place? If so please let him know.

An Equalities Forum will take place on 16.1.14 in Woodfarm High School. If anyone is interested in going, it would be appreciated.

AOCB

None

Date of next meeting and AGM:

Monday 10th March 2014.