

St Ninian's Parent Council



Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 8th September 2014

Parent Members Present	M Ward J McLachlan P Burns	J McAllister J Mackie D Manini	P McGrotty A McGowan
School Staff Present	J A Docherty M McKean	J Cumming M Paoli	J Fuchs
Minutes	D Kennedy		
Apologies	Cllr Fletcher Colm Merrick	Cllr Waters	Cllr McAskill

1. Welcome & Prayer

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

2. Apologies

Received from Cllr Fletcher, Cllr Waters, Cllr McAskill and Colm Merrick.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by J McAllister and seconded by D Manini.

4. Sports Facilities

Progress on Completion

J Fuchs advised that it had been a great start to the new term in terms of the PE classes' use of both sports facilities. The pitches have been heavily utilised for both football and hockey.

Security issues have significantly reduced. However, J Fuchs advised that there had been an incident over the weekend which was reported to the Police but overall fantastic.

J Fuchs agreed that before the rugby pitch can be used the grass would need to be cut and lined for athletics. A good agreement is in place with Technical Services to regulate the grass cutting, etc.

Longer Term Provision

Discussion then focussed on further improvements to the sports facilities at the school. J Mackie advised that she never managed to discuss fundraising with The Friends of St. Ninian's but shall make arrangements to discuss the list with them and how best to generate the money.

J McAllister proposed that a sub-group be formed to formalise the development of facilities to present a proposal to East Renfrewshire Council in order to facilitate this. It was agreed that M Ward, J McAllister & J Mackie would meet to discuss how the Parent Council could support and progress such improvements and how The Friends of St Ninian's could potentially support this.

This to be discussed again at the next meeting in November.

5. Proposed New Primary School in Newton Mearns

Mr Ward advised that there had been no further movement on this. However, it is believed that a consultation may be issued following the referendum, and an interim meeting has been proposed for Monday, 20th October 2014 should

this be the case (an email regarding this was sent out by Mr Ward on 10th September).

6. School Budget 2014/15

Mr Ward advised that he has not heard anything from Mhairi Shaw, Director of Education, since her letter of 20th June 2014. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Head Teacher's Report

J Cumming gave a very informative presentation in relation to the '2014 SQA Results Service' and in particular the appeals situation and exceptional circumstances services. J Cumming advised that he shall give an update at the next meeting in November.

Mr Docherty thanked J Cumming for his presentation and discussed the Exam Results with all present.

Mr Docherty advised that he expects to have an excellent year for all year groups with excellent support structures in place for 4th, 5th and 6th years sitting exams.

Mr Docherty further advised that there shall be an additional seventh period in the Sciences for the new term for Advanced Higher.

A particular area of great success was the performance of pupils in deciles 1-4, and the lowest performing 20%.

8. Chair's Report

Mr Ward advised that he has nothing to report and confirmed that the next Parent Council Chair meeting shall be held on 7th October 2014 for anyone interested in attending. The venue shall be confirmed by email.

9. AOCB

J McLachlan advised that the 4th Bishopbriggs Academy Developing workshops are now available and all details can be found on the school website.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Interim meeting to be held on Monday, 20th October and the next scheduled meeting shall be on 10th November 2014.