

# St Ninian's Parent Council



## Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Parent Members Present	M Ward G Boyle	R Convery J McAllister	J Mackie K Reilly
Minutes	D Kennedy		
Apologies	J A Docherty M McKean J McLachlan	J Cumming M Paoli A McGowan	J Fuchs C Merrick P McGrotty

### 1. Welcome & Prayer

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

### 2. Apologies

Received as listed above.

### 3. Purpose of Meeting

It was agreed that the sole item for discussion was the Consultation Paper in relation to establishing a joint camps faith school in Newton Mearns which would include a 2 stream Catholic school. The consultation had been issued by Mrs. Mhairi Shaw, Director of Education, of East Renfrewshire Council.

#### **4. Consultation Document**

The streaming and boundary issues of the proposed new school were discussed and it was advised that there is the possibility of the new school either being a stand-alone school or to have a joint campus with Calderwood Lodge.

There is also the proposal that St. Cadoc's could become a two stream school from a current three stream. The boundaries of the new school would also be a great concern for a lot of parents.

R Convery advised that the Church position agrees with either a shared campus or a stand-alone school. Although a stand-alone school would be more straight forward but the Church certainly have no issue with either.

Mr Ward suggested that the main concern for consideration by St. Ninian's Parent Council is any impact that the additional stream has on St. Ninian's. Mr Ward agreed to write to ERC requesting additional information to assist in the analysis of this.

K Reilly advised that she shall represent St. Ninian's High School at the Public Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

Mr Ward also asked all present if they had any preference or ideas for a name for the new school. A few names were suggested being The Holy Family, Pope Francis School, The Sacred Heart, Our Lady of Paisley, and St. Mirin's. It was agreed that Mr Ward would circulate the members of the Parent Council asking for suggestions with reasons for that name.

Mr Ward also advised that the planned announcement of the outcome of the consultation will be made on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2015.

Mr Ward agreed to prepare a first draft response on behalf of the Parent Council.

#### **5. Follow up dates**

M Ward advised of the following dates for information:

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Public Meeting – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014 – K Reilly shall attend.

A meeting with the Director of Education (Mrs. Shaw) shall take place at St. Ninian's for the Parent Council members on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

Close of Consultation – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014

**5. Date of Next Parent Council Meeting**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.00pm.