

MINUTES OF ST NINIAN'S PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

7 NOVEMBER 2016

In Attendance:

D Manini, P Burns, C Forshaw, G Boyle, C Merrick, Cllr J Fletcher, J McLachlan, J Cumming, M McKean, J Fuchs, J Docherty, J Mackie.

Apologies

M Ward, Cllr V Waters, P Mc Grotty, Mr Creighton

1. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2. Matters Arising- Parent Council Membership and the AGM

- The PC welcomed two new parent members- Caroline Forshaw and Aundrie Wilmott. It was noted that Mrs Riaz, who previously indicated that she was considering joining the PC as a parent member, has intimated that she no longer wishes to do so.
- It was agreed that the Parent Council AGM will take place on 5 December 2016.
- Mike Ward, as current Chair, had asked parent members whether they would wish him to continue in the role as Chair following the AGM. D Manini had canvassed the views of all parent members prior to the meeting of 7 November 2016. D Manini reported that Parent members were strongly of the view that they would wish Mike to continue in the role. Parent members had paid tribute to the commitment, hard work and dedication of Mike in relation to his work for the PC and school community.

3. East Renfrewshire Consultation Paper on Admission and Arrangements for Transfer to Secondary School.

It was noted that the response of the PC had been submitted to the Council and this was supportive of the proposals. The feeder primary schools of St Cadoc's and Our Lady of the Missions had also supported the proposals and it was understood that St Joseph's Primary had submitted a response agreeing with the proposals..

A report is due to be prepared by the Director of Education and this will be made available in advance of the meeting of the Education Committee on 20 December 2016.

4. School Accommodation and Facilities

This was carried over to the next meeting for Mr Creighton.

5. Review of Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006

J McLachlan provided information to the PC on this review. The themes of the review include empowering and giving increased independence to head teachers and greater involvement of parents in the education of their children. Parent Council chairs will be involved in this process. J McLachlan advised that he would email PC members with additional information.

6. Head Teacher's Report

The PC members were provided with a copy of the SNHS "Faith and Learning Audit". This is a comprehensive document which outlines the significant work undertaken by the school. It charts the progress made by SNHS and outlines planned activities for 2017.

PC members were provided with a copy of the SNHS "Excellence and Equity for All" document. This document provides analysis in relation to performance in the 2015/2016 Scottish examinations diet. Mr Docherty gave an informative presentation on the performance of SNHS. It was noted that SNHS has, and is, performing very well. Parent members expressed their appreciation to all staff for their hard work and commitment shown to all children in the school.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND AGM- 5 DECEMBER 2016.