St Ninian's Parent Council



Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting held on Monday, 6th March 2017

Parent Members Present	M Ward D Manini P McGrotty	C Merrick J McLaughlin A McGowan	C Forshaw A Wilmott J Mackie
School Staff Present	J Cumming	L Howard	
Apologies	J Docherty (HT) J Fuchs M McKean	G Boyle J McLachlan	Cllr Watters Cllr Montague Cllr Fletcher R Convery (Church Rep)

Welcome & Prayer

M Ward welcomed all to the meeting of St. Ninian's High School Parent Council ("the PC") and started the meeting with a prayer.

Membership

M Ward advised that Mrs Patricia Burns had notified him that she had resigned from the PC.

M Ward welcomed Mr John McLaughlin who had intimated that he wished to join the PC and as there was a vacancy he was elected forthwith.

There are now 11 parent members of the PC, leaving one vacancy but both D Manini and A McGowan would be standing down at the end of the school year as their respective children would be leaving the school and they would no longer be parents of pupils at the school. If any members know of parents / carers interested in joining the PC please let M Ward know.

Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by J Mackie, seconded by A Wilmott, J Mackie and approved.

New Admission Arrangements to St Ninian's High School

Numbers of pupils likely to be attending the school in S1 from August 2018 are not yet known, neither is there any indication of registration numbers at the feeder schools, nor the impact of the new Admission Arrangements.

Agreed to carry forward to next meeting for review.

School Accommodation

An e-mail that had been received from Fiona Morrison, Head of Service at East Renfrewshire Council (ERC) advising that, other than the upgrade to the Rugby pitch area, there were no plans for capital investment at St Ninian's High School. Ms Morrison's e-mail continued to outline the process for deciding how capital expenditure is allocated.

After discussion it was agreed that M Ward would write to candidates in the forthcoming local authority elections to establish what proposals they had for upgrade of the facilities at the school. It was noted that the next meeting of the PC would not be until after the local authority elections.

Traffic & Pedestrian Access, Eastwood Park

Ms Morison's e-mail also noted that a short term working party was being established to address the above concern. J Cumming advised that Mrs McCrea, Acting Depute Headteacher was representing St Ninian's on this.

Review of the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006

Governance Review of Early Years and Schools Education

It was noted that responses to the Scottish Government consultations were currently being considered and that the outcome reports had been delayed.

Head Teacher's Report

This was deferred to the next meeting.

Chair's Report

M Ward advised that he had attended the SCES Meeting on 21st Jan 2017.

He also noted that there had been an Education Ctte meeting on 2nd Feb 2017 but there were no St Ninian's specific issues discussed.

There had been a PC Chairs' meeting held on 22nd Feb 2017, minutes of which have been circulated.

Date of Next & Future Meetings

The dates for future meetings were agreed as: Monday 8 May 2017 Monday 6 June 2017