

St Ninian's Parent Council



Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting held on Monday, 9th January 2017

Parent Members Present

D Manini
J McLachlan
P McGrotty
C Merrick

C Forshaw
A Wilmott
Jo Mackie

Apologies

J Docherty (HT)
J Cumming

M Ward
G Boyle
A McGowan

J Fuchs
M McKean
L Howard
P Burns

R Convery (Church Rep)

Cllr Montague
Cllr Fletcher

Welcome & Prayer

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

Previous Minutes

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

Changes to Admission Arrangements and Placing Request Priorities for East Renfrewshire Council Schools

It was noted that the recommendations in the Director of Education's report had been approved by the Education Committee and new admission arrangements are now in place.

School Accommodation

D Manini advised that M Ward has suggested that he writes to the Department of Education at ERC to bring to their attention the concerns of the Parent Council in relation to the existing accommodation at the school and the medium term pressures on the accommodation due to the "transitional arrangements" arising from the changes to admission arrangements. The Parent Council would welcome information on the plans for capital investment in St Ninian's. It was agreed that M Ward should write to the DoE.

It was also suggested that the PC write to elected representatives in relation to their commitments to St Ninian's. Consideration of this issue is deferred to the next meeting.

It was agreed to carry this item forward to the next meeting for further discussion.

Traffic & Pedestrian Access

Concern has been raised in relation to pedestrian access to St Ninian's and the risk of an accident for pupils walking across the car park and speeding traffic. It was agreed that the PC will write to ERC and ask them to review the position.

Review of the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006

Governance Review of Early Years and Schools Education

J McLachlan was involved with member of other ERC Parent Council members in the formulation of the response that has been submitted as a joint response from PCs in ERC. M Ward has circulated a copy of this submission. The issues posed by the Review were discussed.

Head Teacher's Report

This was deferred to the next meeting.

Chair's Report

Reference was made to the following:

- 21.1.17 SCES conference at Carfin and the PC encouraged to send a representative.
- Thanks were expressed for the excellent Advent Concert and other events that had taken place during December.
- The PC requires a minute taker and members should advise M Ward of the details of those who may be interested in the role.

Date of Next & Future Meetings

The dates for future meetings were agreed as:

Monday 6 March 2017

Monday 8 May 2017

Monday 6 June 2017