



St John's Parent Council

Tuesday 12th March 2024 18:00

St Luke's High School

Item	Agenda Item	Actions
1	<p>Welcome, Attendees and Apologies</p> <p><u>Attendees</u></p> <p>Jillian Grosart (JG) Lucy Schoberl (LS) Annmari Strain (AS) Jennifer Cassidy (JC) Karen MacLeod (KML) Mairi Hughes (MH) Lisa McDaid (LM) Colette McGill (CM) Kathleen Fallon (KF)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Apologies</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Laura Webster (LW) Sarah McElroy (SM) Louise Hunter (LH) Catherine Ellis (CE)</p>	
2	<p>Previous Minutes and Chairperson's Report</p> <p><u>Previous Minutes</u></p> <p>Church Representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kim Ross not able to be church representative so action with Fr Joe to identify a suitable representative. <p><u>Chairperson's Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There have been a few meetings with no representative (e.g. equalities meeting) due to prior commitments. 	<p>A-001</p> <p>A-017 Closed</p>
3	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p><u>Income</u></p> <p>Sale of Christmas cards £473.60</p> <p><u>Expenditure</u></p> <p>P7 disco to raise funds to go to Lockerbie £322.37</p>	<p>A-004 A-019</p>
4	<p>Social Media</p> <p>Request from school for Parent Council to support with use of social media (and WhatsApp chats) to ensure that discussions which are more appropriate for the school to deal with are directed to do so.</p> <p>Discussion about having a PC rep on every chat/group to inform school of any discussions which are appropriate for the school to deal with and there was agreement that every chat/group as a minimum should have a code of practice.</p>	<p>New A-024 (AS/JC)</p>

5 Head Teacher's Report

January – March Events

- Student placements – we have had lots of students on placement in a variety of classes across the school. By the end of the school year all classes except P3b will have had a student
- Scottish Assembly was yet again a great success.
- World Book Day went well, and the children all enjoyed coming to school in their pyjamas! Primary 4-7 went to the Barrhead Library to collect their free book gifted by Waterstones. They collected Primary 1-3 books on their visits!
- Thanks to the author Lindsay Littleson who came to speak with Primary 4-7
- Discovery Days have taken place for P4/5 and P5, all days were very well attended. Discovery Day for P3a and P3b is this Thursday 14th at 2.15pm and P7a next Wednesday 20th at 2.15pm
- Peer learning visits have taken place this term with teachers sharing best practice on the teaching of writing, based on the PM writing approach which was a focus of school improvement last session.
- The relaunch of Café Kids was a success, and each Café has been very well attended. Thanks to Ms Webster and children from P5-7 for running the Café.
- Senior Leadership Team Drop in was well attended and took place on Friday 26th January where we discussed our parental involvement consultation.
- Language Week Scotland took place last week of January, children from P5, 6 and 7 had the opportunity to teach a variety of languages across the school including British Sign Language, Scottish Gaelic, Chinese and Arabic amongst others. Thanks to our parent/carer volunteers who taught classes across the school Scottish Gaelic, Spanish, Polish, Ukrainian and Italian
- Primary 7 had a great time at Celtic Connections in the Royal Concert Hall, it was a great experience being able to travel to Glasgow by train. Thank you to Mrs Parry for successfully applying for free concert tickets.
- Two Health and Wellbeing sessions for parents/carers took place this session – Internet Safety and Emotional Wellbeing with and input from East Renfrewshire Council Healthier Minds Team
- Well done to some of our children in P5, 6 and 7 who represented St John's in the Active Schools Cross Country competition in Rouken Glen Park
- Congratulations P7 girls' netball who won the cluster tournament and are through to the East Renfrewshire Council finals. Primary 6 and 7 taking part in the NBA Basketball Championships
- Primary 7 taking part in a SmartStem event with cluster primary schools tomorrow in St John's
- Our Rise the shine breakfast club launched this term. This club is to support identified children with attendance and late coming.
- Primary 7 children are preparing for their residential trip to Lockerbie Manor. The final cost was £223, excluding the bus which the school are paying for. This is a saving of £77 per child which is amazing. A huge thank you to the fundraising efforts of the Parent Council and all those involved.
- Parents' Evening takes place next Thursday 21st March, arrangements the same as October. Communication will be sent home to parents/carers.
- Sporty Day organised by the Sports Committee will take place on Friday 22nd March. Children can come to school wearing sports clothes (no football strips). They can bring a £1 donation if they wish to do so.
- Whole school attending mass on 15/04/24 at 10.00am in St John's Church to celebrate Easter.

RERC

- Primary 2 class mass has taken place this term.
- Primary 6 will attend first Friday mass on Friday 2nd February in St John's Church 10.00am
- Father Joe Balmer led a short service and distributed ashes on Ash Wednesday
- Primary 4 enrolled to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion at 10am Mass on Sunday 3rd March.
- Primary 4 Reconciliation took place on Monday 4th March.

- Pupil led Sanctuary Space has continued this term lead by our Primary 7 volunteers and supported by volunteers from The Legion of Mary. Children across the school have been using this space for some quiet prayer and reflection.

Clubs and Extra Curricular Activities

A variety of after school clubs have been on offer to children this term:

- Primary 6 and 7 Netball with Miss McBride
- Primary 1-3 Lego with Mrs Lang
- Primary 1-3 Multisports with Miss Toner
- Primary 4-7 Digiclub with Ms Webster
- Primary 4-7 Basketball with Mrs MacLeod
- Primary 3 and 4 Handball with Mr Murray
- Primary 1 and 2 Music with Mrs Barron

Lunchtime clubs:

- Storytelling with Mrs Millar
- Cross Country with Miss Sweeney
- Italian with Mrs Dissanaike
- Primary 6 DigiStem with East Renfrewshire Council

Dates for the Diary April to June

Dates for the Diary for April to June will be sent home with the Spring newsletter at the end of this term.

Important dates to note:

- Wednesday 17th April 6.30pm St Mirin's Cathedral **Primary 7 Sacrament of Confirmation**
- Saturday 11th May 10.00am St John's Church **Primary 4 First Holy Communion**
- Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st May Primary 7 **Transition days to St Luke's High School**
- Monday 10th and Monday 17th June Time TBC **Primary 1 transition days**
- Tuesday 18th June 10.00am St John's Church **Primary 7 Leaver's Mass**
- Thursday 20th June 6.30pm **Primary 7 Leaver's Disco**
- Monday 24th June 1.45pm **Primary 7 Leaver's Assembly**

In-Service Days – February 2024

- All teaching staff participated in moderation activities across the authority/
- Our curriculum design groups provided feedback on the progress of developments linked to the School Improvement Plan
- L Schoberl provided an update on Additional Support needs as part of her ASN Coordinator role
- All teaching staff revisited current planners utilised to inform planning of identified curricular areas – Health and Wellbeing, Social Studies, and Expressive Arts

School Budget Update

Some of the ways we have utilised our budget this session to improve experiences for our children:

- Purchased maths resources – teachers guide, textbooks and assessment materials.
- Arts/Crafts materials for Primary 1-3 to support play experiences across the curriculum
- Nessy Subscription – programme which provides literacy support.
- Furniture for the library – bookshelves, rug, cushions, and seats

Nursery update

Works continuing and predicted to be completed on time with the new nursery due to open August 2024.

As part of the build the school are being gifted planters and fixed tent poles.

Water works

Contractors, Clancy are competing the works on behalf of Scottish Water. The works are to repair a damaged 300mm sewer pipe. Initial repair successful, however further investigations revealed additional

	<p>improvement works needed. Works estimated to take another 4 weeks due to extremely challenging ground conditions.</p> <p>Primary 7 Hoodies Parent Council for subsidised part of the cost of the Primary 7 Leavers Hoodies and options given to change a school colour – royal blue, sky blue and sun yellow to allow them to be worn on PE days. Hoodies which are not a school uniform colour are not permitted as part of the PE uniform.</p>	
6	<p>Constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AS and JG have used the Constitution template from the Connect website and drafted a new constitution. Action for all to review and respond to AS with comments to allow final version to be agreed at the next meeting. 	New A-023 (ALL)
7	<p>Funding/Fundraising Update</p> <p>Fundraising meeting Meeting still to be arranged (suggestion Tuesday 23rd or Tuesday 30th) AS to email the school and JG will book the space.</p>	A-006 (AS/JG)
9	<p>P7 Leavers Event/Gift</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreement to order calculators 	A-012 (CMcG)
12	<p>AOB</p> <p>Traffic Discussion about parking and traffic on Commercial Road. School to explore options to support and CL to speak to the community wardens around possibility of making their presence less conspicuous.</p> <p>Defibrillator CL has not received an update so Action to be closed and he will be in touch when more is known.</p>	A-020 A-021 A-022 (all closed)