

St. Luke's High School Parent Council

A meeting of St. Luke's High School Parent Council took place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 25th November 2014 in the Conference Room.

Attendance

Parent Representatives : P. Canning (Chair) .

N. Morran, F. D. Bona, P. Friel , A. Goldberg, Derek Cassidy,

M. McLaughlin, J. Hogan , Lorraine Young.

Staff Representatives : Mr. McLean and C Smith.

Church Representative : vacant.

1. Prayer.

2. Apologies—H. Byrne, F. Woods, C. McCloy, L. Wilki, P. Janok, G. Collins, J. Park, Councillor T. Reilly. P Scott

3. Minutes of the last meeting Approved---P. Friel Seconded N. Morran.

4. Matters arising from the last meeting.

None

5. Correspondence.

* Scottish Catholic Education Service. Parental working group.

Mrs Scott received letter concerning the work of the group. This explains the work of the group and is sent to encourage more parental involvement in order to strengthen the group where members can put forward their feelings on the partnership between the parish and the school. There are 4 meetings every year and this is where the school representative can put forward any new ideas.

6. E.R.C. Consultation Budget 2015-18

*Chairperson Paul Canning and the head boy and girl attended the meeting.

*Education gets the biggest share of all the budget / smallest cuts. Proposals include :

1. Increase in the size of class in the earlier years.
2. Streamlining of management and pupil support structure.
3. Pastoral care could be rationalised.
4. Free meals numbers may be cut, we have a high number of pupils who receive them.
5. Behaviour support assistants may also be cut ----some children need more help.
6. The campus cop could be removed. Will go back to being only part of the police and paid by the police and not out of the education budget.
7. Librarian Service could be part time.

Paul put forward our views on how these proposals would affect the school. The education committee accepted these and they will be taken into account.

All local people can put forward their feelings at this time through the online consultation.

7. National working group.

*The group is working towards the implementation of the new national qualifications.

*Staff are working on improvement plans using collegiate time to work together. As the exams approach staff feel they are well placed in developing courses and assessments.

Everyone is making sure we approach assessment appropriately.

*The whole school assessment calendar ensures that students are not overloaded with different subjects at the same time. These assessments include exams, science experiments, field trips and other types of work.

* Staff are tackling all the components to ensure the students reach their potential. Parents are also being kept up to date with all developments, especially with homelearning and assessments.

8. "Sharing Learning Sharing Assessment."

*School is working to engage the parents and carers with this national advice document. Staff tracking and giving pupil support where necessary.

*Parents can give support in home learning which promotes real partnership between parents and staff.

9. Fundraising.

*Louise sent ideas for fundraising .

*Making a C.D. which could be ready in time for the concert. This could generate funds and could be sold throughout the cluster.

* Designing shopping bags.

*Set up a 100 club for the parents of the children.

* Organise a football tournament to be played in the Spring or Summer term.

Suggestion put forward was it could be held on the day of the Craigie run with a barbeque to finish off.

*Concert at Easter. It was felt this would not be great for the seniors with exams etc.

* Easy fund raising is setting up a link with Amazon where we would get some money returned from the firm if going through school web site.

* The Quiz night will be on 30th Jan. in St. John's church hall. Family night. Donations for a raffle will be gratefully accepted. The money raised will be used or shared with the other schools within the cluster.

10. A.O.C.B.

*Mr. Smith said he wanted to thank everyone for their contribution to the Parent Council.

*Parents asked about reports from lecturers from the colleges. It was explained that vocational reports were passed to staff to include in their reports to parents.

Date of next meeting 3rd Feb. 2015.

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