

## **ST LUKE'S HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL**

A meeting of St Luke's Parent Council took place at 6.30pm on Tuesday, 08 October 2013, in the Conference Room.

### **PRESENT**

**Parent Representatives** – Mr G Thomson (Chair), Mr P Canning (Vice Chair), Mrs L Young (Treasurer), Mrs F Di Bona, Mrs J Park, Mrs L Wilkie, Mr D Cassidy, Mrs C McCloy, Mrs F Woods, Mrs N Morran, Mrs A Richards, Mr G Collins

**Staff Representatives** – Mrs P Scott (Headteacher), Mr C Smith (Depute Headteacher), Mr I McLean (Parental Involvement Co-ordinator)

**Church Representative** – Mrs H Byrne

#### **1. Prayer**

**2. Apologies** – Mrs E Orr, Mr C Reeve, Councillor T Reilly

#### **3. Introduction of Head Boy and Head Girl.**

Postponed

**4. Minutes of the Last Meeting** – were adopted as read and signed by the chairperson

#### **5. Matters Arising from the previous meeting**

- ERC Equalities forum – meeting took place for parent representatives on 19 September. There will be separate meetings for school coordinators.

#### **6. Correspondence.**

- Notification of statutory review of polling districts and polling places – information available on council website and at the Council Offices.

#### **7. SQA Results Analysis (P Scott)**

- Intermediate 2 (five or more passes) – St Luke's performed exceptionally well at this level, maintaining the very high standard of the school's attainment last year and compared well above the national average and 1<sup>st</sup> with comparator schools.
- Intermediate 1 (five or more passes) – excellent performance took a 10% rise from last year, and was well above the national average and 1<sup>st</sup> with comparator schools.

- Highers – five or more passes - three or more passes – and one or more pass - performance were above the national average and 1st with comparator schools
- Advanced Highers –this is a school and authority priority for improvement. There are many factors contributing to the attainment at this level including. Overall, girls outperformed boys.
- Targeted support will be offered in areas identified in capacity for improvement, particularly to address the performance of boys
- This is the last year of the current appeals system
- In the future, appeals will be for exceptional circumstances only. There will be a process where requests can be made for a review or remark of candidates papers. If there is an upgrade awarded their will be no charge, however, any reviews which result in no change will be subject to charge. It should be noted that they can be upgraded or downgraded. Parents expressed their concern over the new system.
- For ERC, this will be the last year of current qualifications at S4 stage, as current S3 pupils will sit the New National Qualifications.

Parent Council members were delighted with the results for session 2012-13 and would like to extend their thanks to staff. They offered their support for session 2013-14.

## **9. Joint Cluster Fundraising Update**

- £1017 in the account. £300 given to each primary school, £60 to St. Luke's and the remainder to be held in float for next fundraiser.
- Fundraising activities to continue in order to help with transitions including the P7 cluster residential

## **10. Feedback from Parent Council Chairs Meeting 1/10/13**

- The agenda has been circulated previously
- An exemplar code of conduct for parent councils was issued
- Encouraged to define own aims
- New Parental Involvement Strategy on the ERC website
- The recently published Curriculum for Excellence Parent Leaflet was issued to new S1 parents and can also be accessed through the school website
- Recruitment and Selection Training – 3 spaces will be offered per Parent Council. ERC will advise of dates.
- Educational Visits – New centres being used include Lockerbie Manor and Lochgoilhead. Castle Toward and Ardentinnny did not pass the tender process.
- Next meeting will take place on 12 February 2014 Mearns Castle High School
- G Thomson extended his thanks to J McLachlan who has been an outstanding representative of ERC in National Parent Forum.

## **11. Update on School Website**

- C Smith presented the new look website to representatives
- The website will follow a blog structure with significant additional functionality. It will be easier to update and to navigate and will run from a new server

- It is hoped that this will go live at the end of October 2013

#### **10. A G M**

- Annual election of office bearers – Office bearers of session 2012/13 were voted to continue in office during the new session. P Canning was elected at Chairperson, H Byrne as Vice-Chairperson, L Wilkie as Chair of Fundraising Committee.
- Councillor T Reilly will continue as co-opted Local Councillor
- A church representative has still to be appointed.
- Treasurer's Report – L Young provided a statement of Fundraising Account. Current balance is £112.91. Cheques will be written for outgoing head girl and boy

#### **11. A O C B**

- All members have been invited to the Awards Night on 9 October in St Luke's.
- The Fundraising Committee will welcome any ideas for future events.
- P Canning and D Cassidy will provide a summary from the National Forum at the next meeting
- There will be a Support and Protection review W/C 11/18 November 2013. Parent representatives may be interviewed or issued with a questionnaire.
- G Thomson conveyed his thanks to P Smith, on behalf of the Parent Council, for her service and contribution as Secretary, over a long period of time.
- P Scott and the parent council thanked G Thomson for the outstanding contributions he has made as Chair of the Parent Council over the last 6 years.

#### **12. Date of Next Meeting and Closing Prayer.**

The next meeting was set for 6.30pm on Tuesday, 19 November 2013, in the Conference Room.

**Chairperson's signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_