

## **St. Luke's High School Parent Council AGM**

A meeting of St. Luke's High School Parent Council and AGM took place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014 in the Learning Centre.

### **Attendance**

**Parent Representatives** : P. Canning (Chair ) H. Byrne (Vice Chair )

L Wilkie, N. Morran, F. D. Bona, N. Morran, F. Woods, P. Friel, A. Goldberg, C. McCloy, C. Reeves, G. Collins, P. Janof, M. McLaughlin, J. Hogan and Councillor T. Reilly.

**Staff Representatives** : Mrs. P. Scott and Mr. McLean.

**Church Representative** : vacant.

### **1. Prayer.**

**2. Apologies**—C. Smith, D. Cassidy, L. Young, M. Chambers and S. Nicoll.

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

The new head boy and girl, Sean McNeil and Jennifer Skea attended the meeting and told us that they had already got committees set up to deal with issues, including charities, graduation, year book with 4 people in each. They also said that they were hoping to get 5<sup>th</sup> year more involved this year and working with 6<sup>th</sup> year.

**4. Minutes of last meeting**----approved—P. Canning seconded---F. D.Bona

### **5. Matters arising from the last meeting.**

None

### **6. Correspondence.**

\*Invitation to all to attend the St. Luke mass on Wednesday evening.

\*Mrs. Scott said she had received notice of the consultation on the ERC Budget. A meeting will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> November at St. Ninian's High School.

We will be trying to get the best for education, as we are aware there will be cuts in the budget throughout the whole of East Renfrewshire finance.

Representatives from the school will attend and take some senior pupils along.

Suggested that if you have the opportunity put forward your opinion do so and try to engage in the debate to secure a positive outcome.

## **7.**

Mrs Scott said that the overall attainment is wonderful and that the staff will continue to strive for the benefit of all in the school.

A new tool for analysing attainment and a range of achievements of young people 'Insight' is now being used. We had a comparative school where we were benchmarked with another school similar to our own. Now children are matched to other children within Scotland identified as the Virtual Comparator.

The dashboard measures were explained to show how the school has performed against these benchmarks.

SQA Results for Diet 2014 :

### **S4**

5 or more SCQF level 5/ Int 2	Virtual Comparator - 34%	St Luke's - 61%
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### **S5**

1 or more SCQF level 6/Higher	Virtual Comparator - 45%	St. Luke's - 60%
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3 or more SCQF level 6/Higher	Virtual Comparator - 28%	St. Luke's - 45%
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5 or more SCQF level 6/Higher	Virtual Comparator - 13%	St. Luke's - 25%
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### **S6**

1 or more SCQF level 7/Adv. Higher	Virtual Comparator - 15%	St. Luke's - 29%
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These were outstanding results for the year and all the children are proud of their own personal achievements.

## **8. Joint Cluster Fundraising Update.**

Louise said we needed to get a date sorted for the joint quiz. It was decided it would have to be February. She suggested a fashion night but Mrs Scott said the children were already organising one. Decided we would need to plan earlier maybe St Andrews night next year.

£100 will be transferred to the school for the Head Boy / Girl cheques.

## **9. Feedback from National Parent Forum of Scotland Conference.**

Paul had attended with Derek Cassidy. They heard a talk from the Education Minister and then attended the workshop by Sir Ian Wood, who was talking about his report including getting youth into employment, encouraging business to be involved and providing apprentices, as not all children will go on to university.

\*S.Q.A. workshop - Discussion about how well the first year of the new exams had gone. It was felt that it went well although there had been no past papers to work with. There will be some this year.

\*Attended workshop about tracking of children. Inverclyde have set up a system to do so from P1 through to P7 and then continue on to secondary.

\*Derek attended a workshop related to a children's parliament, giving children an opportunity to express their opinions.

Paul said that he found it all very useful.

## **10. Update on School Website.**

None.

## **11. A.G.M.**

### **Election of Office Bearers for session 2014 -15.**

**Chair Person : Paul Canning. Proposer - Seconder -**

**Vice- Chair : Helen Byrne. Proposer - Seconder -**

**Fundraising : Louise Wilkie. Proposer - Seconder -**

**Treasurer : Lorraine Young**

**Proposer -**

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## **12 . A.O.C.B.**

\*Discussion about study leave. Mrs Scott explained that as the exams change some children will have more time when not involved in formal exams. This year master classes and school based study programmes were put in place and the children were encouraged to use the school and library.

\*SQA Appeals process is no longer in place. Through the new Results Service, the school can request a remark, or check to take place under certain conditions or in exceptional circumstances. These new procedures have been discussed with candidates and their parents/ carers, information distributed and details of the SQA website shared.

Any associated costs would be covered by the school.

\*Fund Raising for the school was discussed. Our own pupils are involved in trips abroad this year - Pilgrimage to Rome and working group to Malawi. The Malawi trip will cost £2500 per child and we have 3 places.

\*The new pitch was opened by Mr. Balmer just before his retirement. Louise suggested we could think about holding a tournament on the new pitch as a fund raising activity.

\*P.E. Kit. Mrs. Scott was asked if the new kit was required as some of the older pupils were unhappy about it. The introduction of the new PE Kit is in line with ERC and School Policy on "Dressing for Excellence". All children now wear full school uniform including blazers and it is hoped the PE kit will be worn by all and will be phased in from S1/2. It has been kept very simple with black short/legging and bottle green t/shirts.

**Date of next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

