

St. Luke's High School Parent Council.

A meeting of St. Luke's Parent Council took place at 6-30pm on Tuesday 19th November 2013 in the conference room.

Present.

Parent Representatives---P. Canning (Chair) H. Byrne (Vice Chair) C. Reeve, J. Park, N. Morran, L Wilkie, G. Collins. Councillor T. Reilly.

Staff Representatives.---Mrs. P. Scott (Head Teacher), Mr. C. Smith (Depute Head Teacher), Mr. I. McLean (Parent Involvement Co-ordinator).

Church Representative—vacant.

1. Prayer.

2. Apologies—L. Young, S. Nicoll, C. McCloy, F. Woods, D. Cassidy.

3. Introduction of head boy and head girl.

*Mrs Scott introduced Blair Wilson as head boy and Catherine Hunter as head girl. They both said they were pleased to be elected and hoped to do a good job during the year.

4. Rio Presentation.

*Two former pupils –Daniel Byrne and Meaghan Shankland , with Mr. Jordan showed a video of their time in Rio. Daniel and Meaghan explained what they did while away. They spent time with the local S.V.D.P. doing charity work and then worked more locally in Rio –visiting families, helping with young children and elderly then on the third week they joined all the other young people for the world day of prayer.

Mrs. Scott said that the children had come back and talked to the staff and pupils about their experiences and she felt this was great for encouraging pupils for the years to come.

Meaghen told how they had funded the trip by different fund raisers, one of which was a ball which raised £6000.

5. **Minutes of the last meeting** –were adopted as read and signed by the chair

6. **Matters arising from the last meeting.**

*Monitoring—5th year are helping younger children on a Thursday lunch time with different subjects chosen every week.

*Committees have been setup

*Mr. Drennan is working with 1st and 2nd year on leadership.

*Peer education—all 6th years are involved

* Mrs Scott said all 6th years plus all staff were involved in the vote for the head boy and head girl.

*Mary's Meals –collection of small stationary going on within the school and the church.

7. **Correspondence.**-----no correspondence.

8. **School website / handbook update.**

*Recent documentation has been put on the website and ready to go.

Hard copies of the hand book have been given out.

9. **Standards and Quality Report 2012/13.—**

*Standards and quality report will be on the website as from tomorrow—20th November.

10. **Consultations—Religious Observance /Assessment.**

*Feedback from parent council. Received feedback from S.P.T.C. saying they were not proceeding further with any action on religious observance. They defended their note saying it was just an enquiry and was not meant to be an attack on any religious groups.

11. **Severe Weather Conditions Arrangements—**

*The arrangements have been decided and will be put out tomorrow (20th Nov.) This will explain what will happen in school and the individual plans

for children with difficulties. Mrs. Scott explained that the school now had a mini snow plough and a tender was out for gritting. The school is now on the route for the farm plough.

12. Cluster fundraising January 2014. –

* It was decided that initially it was necessary to get suitable premises and an appropriate date---possibly St. John's. Then tickets will have to be printed. Try to set up a sub-group—1 from each school. The preferred date is 24th January.

13. A.O.C.B.

* Mr. I. McLean stated that Janice Collins would be parental involvement---she would be added to school handbook.

* Paul Canning said he had attended the National Parent Forum of Scotland.

There were 8 seminars such as National Qualifications, Whole School Health and Wellbeing .

Each person could attend 3 sessions. Paul said he attended National Qualifications. The S.Q.A. announced that specimen papers will be published in February for certificate 1-5.

Intermediate 2 should equal National 5.

Discussion took place voicing concerns about Scots being discriminated against due to English students coming in. It was stated that this was not happening.

Paul explained that Larbert had extensive sports with a lot of outdoor learning

They have a sport hub with almost everyone included in after school activities, up to 91 %taking part. One of the benefits was the increase in attendance.

It was stated that St. Luke's has a new pitch under construction and will be completed by February. This is for the use of the school and possibly be available for lets.

Paul said he also attended Literacy and Technology---the use of technology programmes can assist to improve literacy rates within the school. The use of web sites which encourage discussion and aid learning can be helpful.

Next meeting Tuesday 4th February 2014.