

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

A meeting of St. Luke's High School Parent Council took place at 6-30pm on Tuesday 4<sup>TH</sup> March 2014 in the conference room.

### **Present.**

**Parent Representatives:** P. Canning (Chair) C. Reeve, N.Morran, C. McCloy,  
Councillor T. Reilly, D. Cassidy, S. Nicoll, F.Woods

**Staff Representatives:** Mrs. P. Scott (Head Teacher), Mr. C. Smith (Depute Head Teacher), Mr. J. Drennan (Depute Head Teacher), Mr .D. O'Neill (Principal Teacher Social Subjects)

**Church Representative**—vacant.

### **1. Prayer.**

Paul Canning opened the meeting with the Parent Council Prayer.

**2. Apologies**— H. Byrne, I McLean.

**3. Minutes of last meeting**----approved—P. Canning seconded---P. Scott.

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

Councillor Reilly gave an update on the financial position concerning the school from discussions that he had with East Renfrewshire Education Department.

On the issue of the windows, session 14-15 will see another phase of replacement, the roof will continue to be an ongoing repair, and there are no plans for upgrading of the lighting.

**5. Correspondence**---No correspondence.

**6. Parent Council** ---An ERC Parent Council Chairs' meeting was attended by Paul Canning. The agenda included the parental information from SQA, particularly relating to the new Results Service. It was noted that all available guidance and advice is available on their website.

It was reinforced that the new SQA Results Service would replace the former appeals procedures.

Equalities Forum---pleased with the interest shown by the schools, showing diversity and the use of the poster campaign.

It was clarified that the debate around church representation was related to Local Authority Education Committees, not Parent Councils.

It was stated that parent councils would keep looking at the situation and all faith /church groups would keep an eye on the situation.

Mrs Scott reported that Helen Byrne wanted to pass on her thanks to all staff, parishes and everyone else who gave support to the children who are going to Lourdes, through fundraising efforts, coffee mornings etc. At this time they have raised nearly £1000. Both parish priests have also agreed to a bucket collection on a future Sunday morning.

## **7. Annual consultation on School Improvement Plan.**

Jim Drennan led the consultation through focus groups of the parents who were present at the meeting. Areas discussed included :

- \* Looking at the life and work of the school.
- \* Considering strengths and identifying areas for development.
- \* A tick box questionnaire for parents – to be attached to the next Parental Newsletter.
- \* Each child will also work in focus groups led by an older pupil, to seek their opinions about priorities for the continuous improvement of the school.
- \* The opinions of education partners, business partners and any others connected to the school are also being sought through focus groups and the completion of questionnaires.

The collated results will be presented to the staff for further consideration and identification of priorities and targets for next year's plan.

**Next meeting - 4<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 6-30 in the conference room in St Luke's HS**

