

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

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

### **Attendance**

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

**Staff Representatives** Mr. J. Drennan , Mr. I. McLean, Mr. C. McKee, Ms. J. Murray, Ms. A. Birchard, Mr. P. Berry.

**Church Representative**—vacant.

### **1. Prayer.**

**2. Apologies**— P. Scott, D. Cassidy, C. Smith, L. Young.

**3. Minutes of last meeting**----approved—N. Morran. seconded---C. Reeves.

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

### **5. Correspondence.**

\* Draft Local Improvement policy. Paul Canning asked that members read this document and if they had any concerns they would bring them up at the next meeting.

\* Equalities Forum. This will be held in Eastwood High School on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

\* S.C.E.S. has forwarded details about a survey on RE in Catholic Secondary Schools. If anyone has any thoughts on this document they can send a reply. Members may want to discuss it with others so that everyone is giving similar responses.

### **6. Update on school refurbishment.**

\* The all-weather pitch is well under way and should be handed over at the end of May but certainly by the end of term. This will be good for all the

children in the school and will complement the other facilities already within the school.

## **7. Update on Staffing Matters.**

\* New staff for session 2014/15.

Kevin Ormand will take up post in the Technical Department.

Fraser Jenkins will join the Art and Design department.

Sarah Gordon has been appointed to the Science Faculty.

Ian McInnes has been appointed as Principal teacher of Physical education & Health.

## **8. Caritas Awards Ceremony 2014.**

\* This year we have a great number of children receiving this award, with 24 6<sup>th</sup> year pupils all attaining the criteria. Each pupil has made a personal statement on their lives, showing the hours they worked at it, what they chose to do in school, locally and within the parish. The ceremony will take place on 31<sup>st</sup> May.

## **9. Consultation on Student Leadership Charter.**

\* Jim Drennan and four other members of staff, C. Mckee, J. Murray, A. Birchard and P. Berry, have been working on this and want to consult parents at the meeting.

The aim is to promote and encourage leadership with all children. At present all upper school pupils are involved in many committees and are encouraged to talk about their development and their capabilities. This charter is to ensure all children from S1 6 to develop their confidence to be able to know and explain their capabilities, and help develop skills in leadership.

All staff, pupils and parents have been consulted on the draft charter and their views will be taken into account before it is finalised.

The charter itself will outline how we can develop the leadership qualities in each and every child within the school.

## **10. A.O.C.B.**

\* Parents asked about the P 7 Information Evening next week. Some of the children are going to be away and they wondered if the parents should still come. Mr. Drennan said that they should as it is a time for meeting staff and seeing round the school.

\* Bishop John is coming to the parish on the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May.

He will be officiating at the Saturday evening Mass, the 10 o'clock and 12 o'clock Masses on Sunday. After the 10 o'clock Mass there will be a procession around the grounds and the children are encouraged to attend.

\*Paul Canning said he was attending the Parent Council Chairs meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> May.

\*Working group----The impact of R.E. in Catholic Schools --Carfine --14<sup>th</sup> June.

2 people from each Parent Council to take part in a discussion forum.

\*Graduation---Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

\* Music concert---12<sup>th</sup> June.

\* A parent asked when the new timetable would be finalised and was told by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

\* Senior School Awards ceremony will be held in October.

### **Next meeting**

**10<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 6-30 in the conference room in St Luke's HS**

