

ST LUKE'S HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

A meeting of St Luke's High School Parent Council was held at
6pm on Tuesday, 14th May 2019 in the Conference Room

MINUTES

- 1 Opening Prayer** The meeting started with a prayer.
- 2 Present:** H. Byrne, C. Downie, P. Canning, D. Cassidy, P. Friel, F. Gallacher, C. Goodenough, M. Giroux, K. Hunter, G. McKinlay (minutes)
Apologies: P. O'Donnell, K. Cooper, K. Wilson, K. Jones
- 3 Minutes of the Last Meeting**
 - These were accepted.
- 4 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**
 - Website redesign – Agenda Point 8
 - Fundraising/Cluster Quiz – Agenda Point 9
 - Uniform skirt lengths – to be carried forward
 - Sports tops – Agenda Point 12
- 5 Correspondence**
 - No correspondence was received.
- 6 Financial Update**
 - A balance of £876.74 is available to the school.
 - In view of this year's increased budget savings to be made of £75,00 Mrs Downie noted this gift is much appreciated by the School.
 - £2,000 of Better Barrhead funds has been withdrawn from the account; this is being paid for renovation of the Memorial Garden once building work is complete.
- 7 Equalities Forum Update**
 - P. Canning will attend this on 16th May and update at the next meeting.
 - H. Byrne suggested a new Parent Council post of Equalities Forum Representative distinct from the Chair. This requires attending three meetings throughout the year and reporting back at Parent Council Meetings. Those interested please contact H. Byrne directly.
- 8 Website Update**
 - F. Gallacher gave a presentation reviewing the current School website. This included comparisons to those of other schools, and a plan to set up a Working Group to make agreed changes involving pupils, staff and Parent Council.
 - The Working Group will work towards targets with timescales, and pupils will be able to contribute as part of their curriculum work.
 - Please send feedback/requests to H. Byrne and this will be fed back into the process.

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9 Fundraising

- H. Byrne is arranging to meet Chairs of Cluster Schools to review the Cluster Quiz Nights and improving their attendance. It is expected this will take place early September.
- Ladies Night – this is pencilled in to take place on Friday 7th October at the Columba Club.
- Christmas Fair – it was decided to make this an annual event and this year's date should be set as soon as possible within the School calendar.
- All fundraising suggestions are welcomed, please contact P. O'Donnell or H. Byrne directly.

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10 School Update (SQA, Caritas, S6 Leavers, Graduation, activities) – given by K. Hunter

- SQA exams continue with positive feedback from invigilators and teachers. Results are expected at School on Tuesday 6th August.
- Caritas Award – 45 pupils will receive this at a ceremony on 28th May. This is the highest number of achievers in a year to date, and very high compared to other schools.
- Graduation ceremony takes place in School on 14th June, then on to the Glynhill Hotel.
- Primary 7 transition visits begin here on 15th May.
- 30th May there will be a Health and Wellbeing Event for which a booklet has been produced by J. Mitchell. This event will be repeated in October.
- New timetables will begin 3rd June for S1-3 and 4th June for S4-6.
- The Summer Concert takes place on 11th June.
- 3rd Year Awards will be presented on 20th June.
- S1 - 2 Awards evening will be confirmed.

11 Positive Destinations and School Improvement Priorities

- C. Downie presented an update on School Improvement Plan Priorities.
- Any questions related to this should be emailed directly to C. Downie or raised at the next Parent Council Meeting.
- 97.3% of pupils leaving School are confirmed as progressing to a positive destination. This figure is well above the national average.

12 Sports Top

- M. Giroux showed samples of SLHS sports tops in technical fabric. These will cost £8-10 and be available to order directly from Stevensons School Uniform Outfitter. The current cotton tops will continue to be available.
- Stevensons will attend various parent events in school to take uniform orders directly.

13 Date of Next Meeting

- The next meeting is at 6pm on Tuesday 4th of June.

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- There was some discussion about skirt lengths.
- C. Downie congratulated G. McKinlay on returning to SLHS as office manager.
- H. Byrne advised of forthcoming fundraising activities for Salamanca and Poland trips.

15. The meeting closed with a prayer.