

## ST LUKE'S HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

A meeting of St Luke's High School Parent Council was held at  
6pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in the Meeting Room

### MINUTES

- 1 **Opening Prayer** The meeting started with a prayer.
- 2 **Present:** H. Byrne, C. Downie, M. Byrne, P. Canning, A. Duncan, P. Friel, C. Goodenough, K. Hunter, K. Jones, P. O'Donnell, K. Wilson, G. McKinlay (minutes)  
**Apologies:** I. Boyes, Cooper
- 3 **Head Boy/Head Girl Introductions**
  - Mairead Byrne, Head Girl and Abbie Duncan, Deputy Head Girl were introduced.
  - Head Girl discussed pupil leadership within the school, senior prefect and house captains, and their remits within these roles for the upcoming year working closely together.
  - Helen Byrne offered the Parent Council's help and support that the pupils may require.
- 4 **Minutes of the Last Minute**
  - These were accepted
- 5 **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**
  - There were no previous matters arising.
- 6 **AGM**
  - Members proposed and seconded the following positions:
    - Chair – Helen Byrne
    - Vice-Chair (inc. Equalities Forum Rep.) – Paul Canning
    - Treasurer – Karen Wilson
    - Fundraising Head – Paula O'Donnell
    - Church Rep. – Pauline Friel
- 7 **Correspondence**
  - H. Byrne will complete and return Connect insurance forms
  - Invitation to an upcoming Forum will be forwarded to members
  - H. Byrne gave an update of the recent Equalities Forum where Improving Gender Balance Equality was a topic, and this was followed by discussion.
  - C. Downie advised the school would continue to support and protect all groups within the school.
- 8 **Financial Update**
  - K. Wilson advised a closing balance of £876.64 for session 2018-19 since Better Barrhead funds were returned.
  - Balance will change shortly once cheques to Head Girl/Boy and Ladies Night funds are processed.
  - K. Wilson to send a copy of the financial report to H. Byrne.

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## 9 Fundraising

- H. Byrne offered P. O'Donnell thanks on behalf of the Parent council for all her efforts in organising the upcoming Ladies Night.
- P. O'Donnell gave an update on the Ladies Night for which all the tickets are sold and there was discussion on responsibilities.
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November has been agreed as the date for the Christmas Fair and will be based on last year's successful event. C. Downie will identify a staff member to liaise with P. O'Donnell.
- There was discussion of Family Quiz Nights. H. Byrne reminded all of previous decision to leave this initiative with Cluster Primary Schools. SLHS PC are happy to support these in future.
- There was discussion around the spending of funds raised. C. Downie suggested using them for study packs to support S4, 5 & 6 pupils which were popular last year. Costs of these will be identified.

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## 10 School Update (start to term, staffing, forthcoming dates)

- C. Downie gave a brief update touching on the following subjects:
  - Visible Learning Lessons – quality baselines & teacher toolboxes
  - Learner Characteristics – used Cluster wide
  - Positive Relationships Policy – ready to learn, respectful and responsible
  - Praise cards
  - Hot chocolate with the Head Teacher
  - Fare Share social enterprise – use of food that would otherwise be wasted
  - Staff appointments and NQTs – all have embraced being here
- Forthcoming dates:
  - 19 Sept – European Day of Languages
  - 25 Sept – Awards Evening for S5 & 6
  - 26 Sept – Blackpool Reward Trip for S5 & 6
  - 01 Oct – S5 & 6 Tracking Reports
  - 04 Oct – Higher Drama performance
  - 05 Oct – World Teacher Day
  - 10 Oct – Cyber Security Evening
  - 11 Oct – S1 Digital Design Evening
  - 24 Oct – Mass of St Luke with Bishop John
- C. Downie advised that exam results significantly outperformed the virtual comparator. Leavers moving onto positive destinations and numeracy & literacy achievements have also increased. More details will be given at the next meeting (8th October).
- C. Downie advised of a Self-Evaluation process by ERC throughout the Cluster 11-14 November. Parents can expect a questionnaire in the near future.

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## 11 Dates of Next Meetings

- 8<sup>th</sup> October, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 4<sup>th</sup> February, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2<sup>nd</sup> June

## 12 A. O. C. B.

- SPRED coffee mornings are restarting with SPRED on 6<sup>th</sup> October at St John's Church Hall and Caritas pupils are invited to help.
- There was discussion around recognition of the Caritas Award in comparison to the Duke of Edinburgh Award. It was clarified that the same periods of voluntary experience can be used towards each award. K. Hunter explained that Caritas uptake was much higher than DofE yet both were on S6 option form.
- P. Canning confirmed that Caritas Award is recognised by universities and other further education organisations.
- Equalities Meetings are 7pm on Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan (Barrhead HS) & Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> May (Woodfarm HS).

## 13 The Meeting closed with a prayer