

T LUKE'S HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

A meeting of St Luke's High School Parent Council was held at
6pm on Tuesday 8th October 2019 in the Conference Room

MINUTES

- 1 Opening Prayer** The meeting started with a prayer.
- 2 Present:** H. Byrne, I. Boyes, C. Downie, P. Canning, P. Friel, C. Goodenough, D. Hone, E. Hone, K. Jones, G. McKeag, P. O'Donnell, M. Pollock, K. Wilson, G. McKinlay (minutes)
Apologies: D. Cassidy, L. Cooper, J. Dunne, L. McGuire, A. Umeh
- 3 Welcome to New Members**
 - H. Byrne welcomed new members and the group introduced themselves.
- 4 Minutes of the Last Meeting**
 - These were accepted.
- 5 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**
 - There were no previous matters arising.
- 6 Update from Chair**
 - H. Byrne gave a brief update on the Parent Council Chair Meeting last week. Topics included Empowerment and Partnership with Parents, Keeping children at the Forefront of Learning, and Mental Health.
 - Members to contact H. Byrne if interested in attending Mental Health workshops (all 9.30am)
 - National Parent Forum update at next Chairs meeting will update from Education for Scotland focus group on guidance for parents and pupils on Maths.
 - Meeting on 12th Nov at Williamwood High School will centre around Design Ideal Mental Health and Well Being in Schools (support for schools) HB hopes to attend and will update at next meeting.
 - Dates of Connect programmes will be sent to members once received.
- 7 Correspondence**
 - There was no correspondence.
- 8 Financial Update**
 - K. Wilson advised a current balance of £1,446.64 which will adjust to £1,426.64 when outstanding cheques clear.
 - The Ladies Night was extremely successful and raised £550 profit.
 - C. Downie requested funds be used to purchase SQA packs, and briefed how these fit into a wider programme of support.
- 9 Disclosure**
 - H. Byrne requested that members requiring renewal or new PVG clearance contact her directly.
 - Members were advised they would never be left solely responsible for a group of young people.
- 10 Car Park**
 - There was discussion of concerns regarding safety in the car park where construction vehicles are turning and reversing in the entrance. Staff patrolling the car park entrance and road closures were also discussed.
 - C. Downie advised she shares these concerns, and has been following up with the Council's Health and Safety Dept. who have been on site at busy times to see the situation first hand.
 - Actions raised from this visit are being followed through and include additional car park signage.
 - The School was not contacted directly about recent road closures - M. Pollock will follow this up so we can communicate this to parents.

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11 Mental Health Workshop

- H. Byrne gave an update on the Workshops available. These focus on earlier recognition of symptoms and where to get help.
- Drama workshops are available where pupils are able to express themselves freely.
- There is a drop-in session at the Catherine Rose Café in Barrhead on the 1st Sunday monthly.
- C. Downie advised that mental health is part of the School Improvement Plan, and a number of staff are already trained as mental health first aiders able to support pupils and colleagues.
- It is also part of the PHSE programme where pupils discuss what good mental health looks like and types of help and support.
- The Scottish Government has future plans to locate a Counselor to each School.

12 School update – SQA Attainment

- C. Downie gave a brief summary of this year's SQA results.
- Key points included:
 - Best ever result of 97.3% for pupils attaining a positive destination.
 - Record-breaking 98% of S4 pupils achieving 5 or more qualifications at Level 4.
 - Scoring well above the virtual comparator in all key areas – a consistent trend.
 - Significant percentage increases in the last two years.
 - No poverty gap at Level 3 and that gap in Level 4 is closing.
- On behalf of the Parent Council H. Byrne offered thanks to all staff for their hard work in achieving these excellent results.
- There was discussion on pupil recognition that there are different routes to achieving long term goals and that the School strongly supports all pupils in achieving their potential.

13 Fundraising

- On behalf of the Parent Council H. Byrne thanked Paula O'Donnell for her organisation of the recent successful Ladies Night, and the School for supporting this with buffet food.
- It has been decided to hold this annually in September, and the ticket price will be reviewed.
- P.O'D gave new members a brief update on Fundraising activities.
- The Christmas Fair Shoppers Night will be held 6-9pm on Thursday 28th November. School Enterprise groups are invited to take part and anyone requesting a stall should contact POD.
- There was a brief discussion of plans and advertising for the Night and where profits will go.
- PO'D will email members after the October break, and following that will decide if a Fundraising meeting is necessary.
- Need for a Let booking is to be confirmed.
- Parents are to be texted to 'save the date'.
- M. Pollock will act as Staff liaison for the Night.

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14 A. O. C. B.

- The recent Youth Coffee Morning raised £130 for SPRED with positive feedback. Thanks were given by SPRED to the youth in setting this up and the ladies who helped.
- H. Byrne and C. Downie will discuss revisiting the Parent Council Constitution.
- There was positive feedback on the recent Senior Awards Evening, especially the guest speaker.
- Please note change to mass of St Luke's now being held at 7pm on 30th October and not 27th October as previously advised. Both invites to the St Luke's mass and the Christmas Fair have been placed in St Thomas's and St John's church bulletins.
- C. Downie mentioned the questionnaire sent to parents this week, encouraging responses before the deadline on 11th October.
- Point raised about Annual Data Checks – GMck to confirm
- Tartan skirts for S6 girls will be ready before Christmas.
- The next meetings are: 10th December, 4th February 2020, 28th April, 2nd June

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The Meeting closed with a prayer