

Meeting of Parent Council held on 5 May 2015.

Present. J. Park, Helen Byrne, Andy Goldberg , Paul Canning, Patricia Scott and Iain McLean.

Apologies ; D. Cassidy, I. Young, G. Mc Bride, G. Collins, J. Hogan, A. Kirkwood and T. Reilly.

Minutes of the last meeting -----approved Paul Canning. seconded Helen Byrne.

There were no matters arising from the last minutes .

Correspondence:

National Parents forum for Scotland - Paul stated he did not manage to attend but received a message from J. McLachlan saying he had a good response and would send out details in the near future.

Mrs Scott gave an update on the improvements to the school. The top floor windows are to be replaced with an added sum of £40,000 which will complete the first floor, canteen and drama suite. This should happen in the summer and hopes it will be completed in the time scale. In addition, there is also an allocation of money for the P.E. Roof and the corridor.

A £25,000 grant from Education Scotland, through Engineering for Success, was allocated to the technical department to upgrade the facilities, this made a tremendous difference. To learning & teaching and opportunities for young people.

I.C.T. will be getting 2x30 tablets which will be linked to the Intranet /Wi fi. This is a very welcome addition to support learning and teaching.

The lighting across the school will not be scheduled for this year but hopeful of it being done soon.

School Improvement Plan :

There was not a huge return from the parents but those who did reply gave favourable comments. All the children, staff and partners were involved in the consultation and there was a lot of positive feedback which included : the way achievement was celebrated throughout the school, having strong feelings of being part of the school community , children were asked about tracking and how it helped them, they felt it helped and encouraged them to work together for the good of them all.

The timing of the S3 parent's night may need to be looked at as was raised by pupils. The format would lead on from s1/2 and complete the implementation of the B.G.E. in terms of assessment, moderation ,profiling and reporting.

The Vocational programme is on going and has brought many links with colleges where children are doing course to complement their school work.

The staff survey showed that the answers were either agree or agree strongly.
Some of the ways forward was to continue with :

Work on Rights Respecting School.

Increase pupil involvement in planning and learning.

Opportunity for teachers to share good practise

The parents' survey showed those who replied agreed or agreed strongly.

Parents said they would like more notice of support study.

Some parents would like clarification on the support for some children eg readers , scribes use of computers etc.

Parents said they were happy and proud of the Catholic ethos within the school, with its vision, values and aims, the charity work done throughout the whole school.

Mrs. Scott said the Caritas programme has been wonderful for the children, with high percentage taking part.

Partners survey showed that anyone taking part also agreed or agreed strongly and said it was a pleasure to work within the school .

Areas for continuous improvement include :Tracking and monitoring with focus on significant aspects of learning in all curricular areas of the B.G.E.

The school improvement plan 2015-2016 will reflect the consultation and will be developed in the Context for change eg

Closing the attainment gap.

Developing the Young Workforce.

Employability strategy.

Tackling bureaucracy.

Time scale---draft plan to the staff on 22nd May, parent council at June meeting .

Up and coming events :

Change of timetable on June 1st.

Celebration of success for all pupils during RARA days.

Caritas awards---being held at the Armadillo on Wednesday 3rdJune. It will be held in the late afternoon /early evening to maximise the amount of children and families attending.

Summer concert and Rome trip will take place in June.

A. O. C. B.

Scottish Catholic Education Commission - information re forthcoming lecture and forum, Gillies centre, Edinburgh June 13th. Details on the school web site.

There will be a P7 cluster ceilidh in church hall to raise money for Malawi trip as part of the T7

Transition Programme. Signed football to raffle has been donated by the Byrnes

Stirling youth event----children encouraged to attend, but costs £150, although subsidised.

Meeting closed with a prayer and thanks to all who attended. **Next meeting 9 June 2015**

