

ST LUKE'S HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Meeting of St Luke's High School Parent Council held
at 6pm on Tuesday 11th October 2022 in the Library

AGENDA

ACTIONS

- 1 Opening Prayer**
The meeting opened with a prayer.
- 2 Present:** C.Goodenough, S.Kierney, C.McGill, M. Easdon, G.McKeag, E.Hone, D.Hone, A.O'Donnell, H. MacDonald, K.Fallon, H.Johnston, C.Downie, K.Hunter, M.Pollock, H.Smith, G.McKinlay (minutes)

Apologies: P.O'Donnell, K.Jones, A.Pegza
- 3 Correspondence**
 - The PC Chair meeting is on 12th October and C.Goodenough will give feedback following that.
- 4 Financial Update**
 - The current balance is £369 with £100 due to be paid to SLHS re £50 each for Head Boy and Girl payments.
- 5 Head Boy & Head Girl**
 - A.O'Donnell and H.MacDonald gave an overview of their plans including Caritas, fundraising, charity work and other pupil events
 - S6 are all working on the Caritas award and S1 were very excited this week to be matched with their S6 buddies.
 - C.Downie commented that Head Boy and Girl and Deputes have all made a very strong start and been outstanding role models.
- 6 AGM**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
Chair	C.Goodenough	D.Hone	M.Easdon
Vice-Chair	P.Canning	C.Goodenough	D.Hone
Treasurer	G.McKeag	C.Goodenough	C.McGill
Fundraiser	P.O'Donnell	C.Goodenough	G.McKeag
Church Rep	D.Hone	C.Goodenough	G.McKeag

7. School Update: Start of Term

- C.Downie gave a review of activities since start of term
- Uniform standards have been high and the tartan skirt has positive feedback
- Largest S1 intake in recent years has had a great start and Parents Evening was brought forward increasing early family engagement
- Year Group Conferences included SLHS values, expectations and standards
- Pupils and parents are able to vote on the allocation of a proportion of school budget, options are: toilet improvements, changing room improvements and educational trips
- Building works will continue into second term bringing ventilation systems to the standard required post-Covid
- A Strategic Update letter will be emailed to all parents by the end of this week

Improvement Plan

- C.Downie gave an overview of the Improvement Plan which is split into three areas of: Curriculum, Pedagogy and Excellence & Equity, with the child at the centre of all
- This is currently in the second year of the three-year review cycle
- C.Downie detailed pupils input into developing their curriculum with staff reviewing what is taught and how
- The school's visible learning techniques were recognised at an ERC review as an area of best practise Work continues on developing learning strategies, particularly at times when a child is finding this tough.
- Home Learning dovetailing with school learning will be reviewed for 2023-24
- Attainment gaps will continue to appear, and the value of recent work with Primary 7 pupils was recognised as supporting the transition into S1, and will continue.
- Equity gaps are being identified and the school is committed to supporting individual pupils, making plans around the child with family involvement
- Poverty gaps are being identified and will be worked around with discretion
- Further support for neurodiverse learners is being identified
- Monitoring and Tracking policy is being updated to identify gaps and make accurate judgements
- Aware that SQA will change, we are preparing for potential school impact

SQA Update

- C.Downie gave an overview of school results which were very good
- S4 achieved a 10% increase in success on the previous year
- S5 A-C passes were slightly higher than 2019 despite the impact of Covid. A - D results increased by 5% though a high number of appeals were entered and not yet finalised
- Of the learners who remained in S5, 95% achieved at least one Higher pass, 64% achieved three passes, and 32% achieved five passes
- 99% of our young people who have left have gone on to positive destinations, reflecting the work done by Mrs Patterson in new post of Social Justice & Positive Destinations
- Mrs Hunter advised the 2024 exam diet will be 24th April – 21st June, meaning pupils will return from Easter break for five days before exams begin.
- Updates on current appeals will be advised to Mrs Hunter by 31st October, with new certificates being produced mid-November. School evidence is being reviewed as part of the process.
- Prelims exams will now be split into pre- and post- Christmas for S4-6. Prelim and assessment timetables will be created for all young people
- A number of course elements recently removed will not be reintroduced, leaving additional time for the remaining coursework

7 Parental Engagement: PT Holly Smith

- H.Smith explained her role, the aim of which is better outcomes for our young people
- A number of activities are planned to build connections following lockdown/isolation. The activities provide support by creating family learning opportunities, and will include family cook school, maths pizza night and an inflation buster event.

8 Parental Engagement

- This was covered fully by presentation from H.Smith
- There was positive feedback from parents of S1 children that the Parents Evening was brought forward to the first term.
- Parents also appreciated the amount of communication from the school, recognising how important it is at this transition stage

9 Fundraising

- A number of fundraising suggestions were discussed, the school office can support these by putting items on Parentpay
- A suggestion was made to make a Community Fund application, C.Downie is happy detail how any funds received would be used.

10 A.O.C.B.

- The next meeting will be held at 6pm on Monday 28th November
- The question was asked if double and triple period lessons would remain, to which C.Downie responded positively. These lessons increase learning time and allow for more in-depth study. Movement across the school is reduced and pupils bring less material/equipment each day. Senior pupils will make use of triple period classes, while younger students will have double and single periods.
- K.Hunter advised that the whole school would attend Mass of St Luke at 9am in St John's Church on Friday 28th October. School buses will drop pupils here instead of at school, and registration will be taken. Parents are invited to attend and will be emailed the details. Pupils will walk back to school supported by staff and be here in time for break.