

Minutes: St Luke's High School Parent Council

A meeting of St Luke's High School Parent Council was held at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 9th December 2020, via Zoom.

1. The meeting opened with a prayer.
2. **Attendance:** Caroline Goodenough, Christine Downie, Paul Canning, Deborah Hone, Karen Hunter, Kathryn Jones, Lorna McGuire, Margaret Pollock, Karen Wilson, Gillian McKinlay – Minutes

Apologies: P. O'Donnell, G. McKeag
3. **Correspondence:** information regarding Connect sessions was emailed previously
4. **Financial Update:** there has been no activity and balance remains £1,069.00
5. **Update from Chair: Recovery Feedback and Healthier Minds**
 - C. Goodenough gave an update on this session with new Director of Education, Mark Ratter, giving feedback schools' response to the current situation and recovery plans.
 - Healthier Minds is a school-based service being introduced for 10-18 year old pupils with a school referral system.
6. **SQA Assessment 2020:**
 - C. Downie gave an update on Nat5 assessments following final guidance from SQA on 19th November.
 - Assessments will be spread out to fit with learning and teaching in a robust and credible manner which has been approved by SQA.
 - Covid impact on subject course coverage has been countered by the triple and double periods of study here. Faculty Heads have tailored courses taking into account that students will potentially progress to Higher level study.
 - Grades will be Teacher assessed and reviewed externally.
 - Mrs Hunter is part of a QIO working group involving all schools in the cluster.
 - As there is no exam diet the period of 'study leave' will be used for teaching and learning. It is expected that pupils will start Higher course work in early May.
 - Following cancellation of Higher and Advanced higher exams announced yesterday, it is the School will approach these assessments in a manner similar to that for Nat5. SQA guidance has not been received at this time.

7. Chaplaincy

- K. Hunter gave an update on a number of activities the School has been able to support including the confirmation of S1 pupils, and joint Science/RE classes enjoying outdoor learning.
- Social media is being used to spread Advent messages in place of our traditional service.
- Our largest ever cohort of sixty Caritas students having been assisting in Faculties and peer educating with other seniors. They will participate in a Caritas day next week and begin their personal essays.
- C. Downie gave thanks to Father Jonathan Whitworth being such a welcome addition to our School community. He and Father Joe have worked tirelessly to support the School and local community. She also thanked Parent Council members, all parents and the wider parish for the support demonstrated across the year.

8. Parents' Evening Consultation

- M. Pollock gave an update on this consultation which had a significant number of responses. The results shown in the Parental Newsletter showed 75% of parents preferred additional full reports rather than a video call with teachers.
- Parents will be advised when these additional reporting dates are agreed.
- Though these interim measures are taking place the School as a whole looks forward to the return of face to face meetings in school, and the additional level of engagement with families this will allow.

9. Face Coverings

- M. Pollock updated on efforts within the School to encourage young people to bring their reusable face coverings to school. These will always be provided when required, and as part of our Eco School ethos we are trying to reduce waste and be mindful of funds spent providing them.

10. A.O.C.B.

- There was a question regarding support for S2 pupils making next year's subject choices in January 2021. This is under review and will be advised at a later date.
- There was discussion about uniform and additional clothing as classroom windows are required to be open for ventilation. C. Downie will send a reminder about this to all Teachers on Thursday morning, and advised that engineers are reviewing the building's heating and ventilation systems.
- A safety point was raised regarding new school gates which are currently able to swing out over the pavement, C. Downie will take this up with the Business Manager to resolve.
- C. Goodenough will advise the date of the next meeting

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The meeting closed with a prayer.