

ST LUKE'S HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

A meeting of St Luke's High School Parent Council was held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 17th June 2021 on Zoom

MINUTES

- The Meeting opened with a prayer.
- Present: C. Goodenough, C. Downie, P. Canning, K. Hunter, K. Jones, M. Pollock, C. Ross, M. Ross, K. Wilson, G. McKinlay (minutes)
- Apologies: D. Hone, P. O'Donnell, G. McKeag
- Correspondence
 - C. Goodenough will pass on details received re an event supporting ASN pupils in making an SQA appeal.
- Financial Update
 - £100 was spent matching school contribution to give Head and Depute Girl and Boy £50 each which they were most appreciative of.
 - The balance is now £969.00
 - Following discussion of remaining funds it was agreed that £800 would be given to the School. This will be used to support activities to enrich pupils' experience including Summer of Play (sport, cooking etc) and 'back to school' haircuts for identified families.
 - Money has been given families to help buy uniform locally. There will also be opportunities for families to donate and receive uniform items over the summer.
- Update from Chair: PC Chairs meeting and plan for inclusion of incoming parents
 - C. Goodenough gave an update on the PC Chairs meeting which looked at differing school approaches to working within the pandemic.
- Update from school / Any financial input request
 - K. Hunter advised that pupils were directly given their Nat 5 to Advanced Higher provisional results directly on Wed 16th June, full results will be advised on Tues 10th August. Pupils will be given a leaflet on signing up to SQA to receive results by text message.
 - New timetables started on Monday 14th June with S5 and S6 continuing triple study periods, this gives them an additional 1 hr 40 mins teaching time weekly. Pupil feedback has seen S1-S4 working in single and double periods each day.
 - Management reviewed recent experiences, looking afresh at diet exam preparation, and identified best practices to take forward.
 - M. Pollock advised on the P7/new S1 visits taking place this week, which have already seen positive feedback from pupils and staff. P7 children will receive the next two newsletters.
 - C. Ross advised that uniform relaxations allowed over the last year are being tightened again and asked for Parent Council support in reinforcing uniform standards.
 - C. Downie advised of staffing changes as detailed:
 - M.A. Johnston, PT of Science is retiring, replaced by C. Wight

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- D. Griffith of Modern Studies is retiring, temporarily replaced by J.Paton who has already has significant impact across the School, interviews will take place in new session.
 - Acting PT of Pupil Support K. Thornton was made permanent.
 - N.Farrell joins the PT Pupil Support Team.
 - Additional positions successfully made permanent were F. Gallacher in Computing, S. Matthews in Maths and S. Lister in PE.
 - There will be a higher number of Pupil Support Assistants in the new session
 - Language and Communication will be joined by two NQTs teaching English which gives additionality to the dept.
 - There was a discussion around study leave; with pupils having been away from school recently it was decided pupils were best served being in class. A future study weekend away is being planned.
 - Prelims are pencilled in for next session but not definitive at this time.
 - Flu vaccines are available for all pupils and staff in September.
 - There was discussion around kilts which were introduced for S6 girls, and whether this should be opened up to S5. Pupils have been debating this, K. Hunter will follow this up in the new session.
- KH**
- AOCB
 - K. Wilson is now leaving the Parent Council. C. Goodenough, PC members and the School thank her for her continued contribution and appreciate her hard work and commitment.

The meeting closed with a prayer.