

ST LUKE'S HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

A meeting of St Luke's High School Parent Council was held at 6.30pm on Tuesday, 28th September 2021 on Zoom

MINUTES

- The Meeting opened with a prayer.
- Present: C. Goodenough, C. Downie, P. Canning, K. Hunter, D. Hone, K. Jones, D. Kumar, P. Lee, G. McKeag, A. Pegza, Mrs Martin, M. Pollock, C. Ross, M. Ross, B. Sobowale, G. McKinlay (GMcK/minutes)

Apologies: P. Gibson, P. O'Donnell,

- Correspondence
 - C. Goodenough advised of a Parental Employability Support contact and there was discussion on how best to work with her.
- Financial Update
 - Bank balance s £169.00 having donated £850 to school to support experiential activities.
 - G. McKeag is to receive a treasurer handover from K. Wilson.

GM

- Head Boy and Head Girl
 - This is postponed to the next meeting.
- AGM for 2021-22 session

	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
○ Chair:	C.Goodenough	G.McKeag
○ Vice Chair:	P.Canning	C.Goodenough
○ Church Rep:	Mrs Martin	C. Goodenough
○ Fundraising:	P.O'Donnell	C. Goodenough
○ Treasurer:	G.McKeag	C. Goodenough

A suggestion to create a central Parent Council email address will be followed up.

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GMcK

- School Updates:
 - Covid Update, Recovery and Attainment
 - C. Ross gave an update on current Covid mitigations within the school:
 - Current practices are the same as at end of term
 - Parents are encouraged to support reusable mask use – currently high cost to school
 - Classes are rearranged around areas that cannot be used eg Makerspace
 - C.Downie advised the next Scottish Government update is due in October
 - Parents will be asked for their preference between Zoom call and written report in place of Parents Evenings that cannot yet be held in school.

Exams

- C. Downie advised the planned exam diet will continue if safe to do so, while evidence will be collected if it should be required.
- The prelim exam diet is being reviewed to move all exams to after Christmas. This will give pupils additional time to prepare and still be able to work on prelim feedback.
- The school is waiting for SQA response to a number of questions.

Recovery

- C. Downie advised that current focus is on curriculum design which SLHS has been working on for 3 years. As well as academic results this includes health & wellbeing, outdoor learning and other areas. Staff are working to ensure the curriculum is relevant to pupils.
- Pupils very much want to discuss mental health issues and a group has been put together including pupils and staff to support this.
- St Martin de Porres Equality United Group was set up within the parameters of the Covid guidelines following a number of pupils speaking to C.Downie in an eloquent and considered way about equalities.
- The school has been providing a range of wider experiences to pupils since returning in August and many more are planned.

SQA Attainment

- K. Hunter advised how August '21 exam results compared with the previous year. Almost all results have risen and there were no appeals. C. Downie believes our increase is due to the ACM learning approach taken here. Pupils are more aware of their own achievement level and what they should focus their efforts on.
- These results were marked against a national standard rather than against a cohort.

S1 Transition

- M. Pollock advised that all school staff are impressed at how well and quickly the new S1 have settled into the school. They are enthusiastic in their learning and enjoying their independence.
- S1 and S2 have embraced the range of extra-curricular clubs on offer e.g., robotics, craft and trampolining, and thanks goes to all staff who enable these to happen.
- The Mass at St John's Church was well attended by S1 and their S6 buddies with the theme being Welcome to the SLHS Community. All pupils are encouraged to attend lunchtime mass on Thursdays with Father Jonathan.
- Google meetings are planned for parents to be introduced to their child's Pupil Support Teacher. Engagement is also supported by the regular school newsletter.

○ Parental Engagement

- C. Goodenough asked for suggestions on increasing parental engagement with Parent Council. Discussion included a PC newsletter and use of social media.
- C.Goodenough will put together a newsletter and asked for responses to go to a central PC email address. She will also investigate a PC Twitter page, checking ERC guidance around social media use.

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○ Fundraising

- There was discussion around the Christmas Fair (25Nov), its location and activities.
- A sub-committee will meet to plan details, G.McKeag and M.Ross have offered to help.

**POD,
GM, MR**

○ A.O.C.B

- Future meeting dates:
26th October Fundraising meeting
2nd November Parent Council
1st February Parent Council
29th March Parent Council
26th April Parent Council

- The meeting closed with a prayer