

**A meeting of St Luke's High School Parent Council was held at 6pm on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 on Zoom**

**MINUTES**

- The Meeting opened with a prayer.
- Present: C. Goodenough, C. Downie, P. Canning, K. Hunter, D. Hone, K. Jones, G. McKeag, P. O'Donnell, M. Pollock, C. Ross, G. McKinlay (GMcK/minutes)

Apologies: L. McGuire, M. Ross

**1. Correspondence**

- C. Goodenough gave update, there was discussion around spiritual recovery support and how this is being supported within the Diocese

**2. School Updates:**

SQA Update – Prelims and Exams

- K. Hunter advised on the ongoing assessment calendar; prelim timetables have been sent out to S4-S6 pupils and parents and this mirrors the exam diet
- Assessments have continued since November which is good exam preparation
- SQA have today confirmed exams will run with Scenario 2, meaning there will be a package of support for pupils from Nat5 to Advanced Higher. Subject details are to be confirmed, however pupils will receive some form of support in each subject which may include eg a study guide, details of topics in exam, details of topics not being examined
- There are exceptional circumstance procedures covering Covid-19 isolation, bereavement and so on
- Appeals will be allowed and take the same format as last year, further advice will follow

Supported Study sessions – Karen Hunter

- The school building is open till 5pm Mon-Thur for pupil study with a 5pm bus to Neilston
- All subjects have a plan on how to study for each level and where resources can be found
- Supported study classes run with 'How To Pass' books available from the library
- Easter school study classes will run as before, free to all pupils

SCES newsletter and Ash Wednesday arrangements – Karen Hunter

- SQA have today confirmed Scenario 2 which means there is a package of support available to pupils for Nat5, Higher and Advance higher levels, further advice will follow
- There will be some form of support for all subjects eg study guide, list of topics being examined
- Procedures will be in place for exceptional circumstances eg bereavement, Covid-19 isolation
- Appeals will take place in the same format as last year
- Ash Wednesday –after a video service individuals can receive ashes which we will facilitate
- There was discussion of spiritual renewal and a survey co-ordinated by C. Ross looking at the whole picture for pupils including their spiritual support

Online Parents Evening – Margaret Pollock

- Parents are looking for in-person teacher meetings and this has been arranged digitally
- First Parents Evening is for S5/S6 on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, with 5 minute slots available
- A booking wizard groups appointments together and we will be keen to take feedback afterwards
- Next digital parents evening is for S4 on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February
- We feel it is important to offer digital meetings while waiting to return to in-person events

#### Curricular Choice programme – Claire Ross

- Restrictions prevent this being in-person so a Virtual Classroom has been made launching this week
- Option choices go live this Thursday; pupils complete a Microsoft choices form with parents which can be submitted once
- Pupil Support Teachers then gather information and meet with pupils to discuss and agree details
- Information is passed to ERC where it is used for decision such as staffing
- Faculties have each made their own videos re subjects and expectations
- Following a comment that last year only one college was represented C.Ross advised that decisions on representing partners is led by ERC. Mr Toal is continually building on school partnerships and has put together a package with varied and useful information
- There was discussion around school supporting pupils in having experience of opportunities eg Tigers and the building trade, Makerspace and beauty treatments, and different pathways open to pupils

#### Uniform – Claire Ross

- We hope in spring to encourage pupils back to standard uniform without additional layers
- There was discussion about tartan skirts and the possibility of these for all female pupils, and the importance of recycling uniform
- ERC will be completing an overall uniform review so skirt consultation will be conducted following the review of the ERC Dressing for Excellence Policy.

#### Scottish Government Health and Wellbeing Census – Christine Downie

- This survey is being carried out for the Government to collect data and plan services.
- ERC are taking a measured approach and this point is on the PC Chair's next meeting
- There are concerns regarding some challenging questions being asked of older pupils which present denominational challenges eg question on sexual behavior and drug and/or alcohol use
- It was suggested to divide the questionnaire into two parts, the first being on sleep, food and exercise. The second part on sexual behavior, drugs alcohol would require parental consent. This suggestion was well received and is being put in place with a national dialogue continuing
- There was discussion around this survey, with the point raised it is not completely anonymous if pupils are required to complete SQA candidate no., and the implications here for family privacy. There was concern over the sexual questions being asked of young people, and other sensitive areas which may be triggers for young people being asked to complete this in an educational setting rather than with their family. It was suggested that families be made aware of these question in advance
- C.Downie is happy to take comments and feedback around this directly, and assures that if this is to go ahead then full school support will be put in place and parents advised well in advance.
- C.Downie advised that a lot of recovering experiences are taking place throughout the school and funds have been made available for this.

#### Fundraising – Christine Downie

- There was discussion on various fundraising ideas.
- A suggestion for a Gala Day was well received. To protect pupils taking exams this would take place after the last exam on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

### 3. Parental Engagement

- P7 pupil visits to the school will start soon, supported by social media and newsletter
- There was discussion around engaging with parents of new pupils when not able to meet them directly
- As it is confirmed the next Parent Council meeting will be discussed there was discussion around this engagement opportunity
- C.Goodenough and C.Downie will create a form for people to book attendance at next P.C. meeting so appropriate space can be arranged for 29<sup>th</sup> March

### 4. Fundraising: The previous Gala Day discussion was mentioned

### 5. A.O.C.B: There was no other competent business

CG/CD

The meeting closed with a prayer