

S3 Pupil Council Minutes

<p>DATE : 12/03/2018</p> <p>PLACE: ICT 11</p>	<p>TIME: 1.00pm (Period 5)</p>																														
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<p>1. Welcome and Prayer</p> <p>Mr Marshall and Mr Gallagher welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting started with a prayer.</p> <p>2. PSHE</p> <p>All pupils stated that they had been completing their wider achievement booklets during PSHE. They agreed that this was the best time to do this task; pupils felt that if they were asked to complete this at the end of the each lesson then the quality of the submissions could be compromised. Some pupils asked if the booklets could be used once per month instead of most periods. All pupils felt confident enough to use the booklets at the upcoming parents evening.</p> <p>3. Extra-Curricular activities</p> <p>Mr Marshall asked the council if they felt S3 were represented in each of the clubs available. Pupils felt that they were more active in S1 and S2 and that some clubs have suffered as pupils get older. Pupils stated that the sports clubs keep their numbers but other clubs do not. Pupils suggested that because the sports teams are year group specific this is why people go back to trial for them each year. Mr Marshall asked how pupils find out about the activities in the school; all pupils said that they do not use twitter but their parents do. They asked for some posters to be put around the school (on a notice board) and perhaps a school app which sends them information.</p>																															

4. Health & Well Being - *Are pupils familiar with the well - being indicators?*

Pupils were all aware of the SHAANARRI indicators and stated that they cover these in PSHE on a regular basis. Pupils stated that they knew who to talk to if they ever felt concerned about these.

Pupils were initially not able to identify where these indicators are used in their other subjects. Once prompted pupils suggested subjects such as PE, Hospitality, RE, Biology and Modern Studies used these terms the most.

5. What are your views on how the year has gone?

All pupils reflected positively on their time in St Ninian's. Pupils were asked not only to focus on S3 but their S1-S3 experience. Some highlights include:

- Scottish Cup success in S2
- Home Economics qualifications in S3
- Youth and Philanthropy Initiative
- Girls Football Team
- Saltire awards
- Moving classes (based on merit)
- Basketball Team
- Netball
- Faith Events
- Information Evening
- Representing Year Group
- Trips

When asked to consider challenges the pupils responded:

- There were lots of subjects that they enjoyed, found it difficult to select ones to continue studying.
- The discussions in S2 about whether or not they will follow a National 4 or National 5 pathway.
- Tests can sometimes be all in the same week; they asked if the subjects could try to reduce this.

Pupils were then asked to offer advice to younger pupils, they suggested:

- Enjoy having some more free time but use it wisely; perhaps begin to learn how best to study.
- Organise yourself! Pupils all agreed that being organised has helped them. The sooner pupils do this the better.
- Know your subjects and speak to your teachers. This will make subject choice easier.

When asked to consider what they were looking forward to the pupils said:

- Progressing in school and 'seeing what all the hard work is for'.
- Other pupils maturing, they feel that there are a small number of pupils who can be distracting. They said that this does not happen all of the time and the teacher usually deals with it but it can be 'annoying'.

6. S3 BGE Ceremony

Mr Marshall discussed the S3 BGE Ceremony. He showed the council examples of the S3 Certificate and the 'keepsake'. All pupils agreed that the format of a short meeting and presentation ceremony with each alpha class was a suitable way to mark the end of the BGE.

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When asked if there was any other business the pupils discussed the following:

- Materials in Art, Music and Hospitality can sometimes be broken. Mr Marshall informed the council that significant investment had gone into these subjects and that all pupils must be more careful when using equipment. Mr Marshall will discuss these concerns with the relevant Principal Teachers.
- The state of the girls' toilets in the ERC side of the school was raised as an issue. Pupils stated that the locks were not working and that the soap dispenser has been empty for some time.

Mr Marshall thanked Mr Gallagher for organising the meeting and for the pupils' contributions.