

Minutes of St Clare's Parent Council Meeting

Thursday 17 February 2022 at 7pm via MS Teams.

Attendees

1. Anna Reid (AR)
2. Benjamin Clark (BC)
3. SCM
4. Vanessa (V)
5. Mark Sheridan (MS)
6. Cheryl Lamont (CL)
7. Heather Ferry (HF)
8. Michela Pagliocca (MP)
9. Elizabeth McHaffie (EMH)
10. Collette McGonigle (CMG)
11. Fiona Davies (FD)
12. JTB
13. Louisa Inglis (LI)
14. Maryam Shafiq
15. Louise Mulholland (LM)
16. Stephanie Ford (SF)
17. Suhas Mirta (SM)
18. Marguerite Ferrier (MF)
19. Mrs Absolom Head Teacher (AA)
20. Miss Flaherty- Depute Head Teacher (KF)
21. Mrs Pinna- Principal Teacher(AP)
22. Mrs Kavanagh- Principal Teacher (CK)
23. Stuart Reid- Co-Chair St Ninians High School (SR)

1. Welcome - Anna Reid, Chairperson
Prayer – Mark Sheridan

2. Chairperson's Update (see Appendix 1) (AR)

AR referred to her report and gave a quick overview. She thanked teachers and all the school staff for their extraordinary efforts to keep everything running smoothly during difficult times with many staff and pupil isolations. The team continually going over and above to maintain a welcoming safe environment for our children everyday despite the difficult circumstances. The return of welly walks and in person events are also welcomed. Discussion regarding the East Ren Chairs Survey- Attachment (Letter from St Ninians P.C attached) If anyone has any views they can be passed to AR for to collate and feedback to St Ninians Parent Council.

Events: Ladies Lunch- Thanks to Michela and Fundraising team for planning

Ladies Social Event to be held 24th April and Summer Fayre end of June including Car Boot Sale for an opportunity to re home pre loved items to other families who may find these items useful, in line with 'Reduce Reuse Recycle' policy.

Sacraments will follow in May and thanks to Cannon Eddie for his continued support to our school and children. Exciting times ahead for our Primary 7s who will have the chance to attend Lockerbie for their residential trip.

And finally it has been 2 years since the existing Office Bearers were appointed, The Chair, Co-Secretary, Co-Treasurer, and the Head of Fundraising role are stepping down. AR advises her experience of the last few years in office has been very rewarding, offering a unique insight into the life of the school. She advises also that there has been a 'team approach' and that existing team member CL will remain in her Co-Secretary role, HF will continue as Vice chair and Vanessa as Co treasurer so there will be some continuity. Members of the Parent Council and the wider parent forum are welcome to apply to enable for a gradual transition and we endeavour to have hand over instruction documents for ease.

***ROLE DESCRIPTION ATTACHED**

3. Treasurer Report- (BC)

Thanks to fundraising for continued efforts and commitment, it's been another successful fundraising period. Report attached.

Discussions of potential purchase of contactless terminals to enable cashless payments,

(MP) advised approx £25 per unit then transaction fees, being considered.

(AA) and (AR) agree they are hopeful to continue the voluntary donation annually and continue to offer monthly theme days for the children to look forward to.

(AA) advises that a robust garden shed is required for storage and weatherproof safekeeping. £4000 quote obtained to be presented to wider parent forum. (AA) explains the approval required through procurement/ property and tech to purchase the shed and agree proposed cost. Proposals will be circulated and parents encouraged to give comments/approval.

3.St Ninians Parent Council Chair Update

(SR), joined to give overview of movement within St Ninians. Advises Gerry O'Neill is new head teacher in St Ninians, along with a whole new Parent Council and office bearers. The Parent Council are enthusiastic to welcome parental engagement from parents of the secondary school children and the children from the feeder primary schools. There is new social comms setup by (MP)

A Gmail account has been created pcstniniansgiffnock@gmail.com for direct communication from parents to Parent Council along with new Facebook, Twitter and website being built and populated currently. We are encouraged to spread the word on all these forums.

4. Fundraising (MP)

Branded items- small increase from supplier will need to be implemented for further orders.

Card terminals- Obtaining costs to minimise cash at events

Ladies day- 24th April small ladies day committee working on local venues

Summer Fayre- Opinions welcome Fundraising and wider forum invited to help organise and volunteer to man stalls on the day, (AA) has confirmed event should be planned mainly outdoors where possible.

(AA) questions reaching parents transitioning into p1 regarding branded gym clothing- refers to previous years' p1 newsletter whatsapp groups, possible branded merchandise stall at summer fayre/induction days.

5.Head Teacher report

Miss Corr not returning to post of Head Teacher for Calderwood Lodge. Interviews scheduled with (AA) on the panel, more information on HT report attached.

Hopeful for return of assemblies in some capacity from 28/2/22

Final parent council meeting of the term in person.

School playground opening back to normal, with St Clare's and Calderwood being able to reconnect, around Easter.

ASN (KF)

Parents are encouraged to 'contact us' through the school website with any useful links to resources or support groups they would recommend or would like to find more information about. As our awareness grows, and the needs of our children grow our website will progress accordingly.

Bikeability- Dates and requirements for parents to assist trainers for our 46 children awaiting the training. (AR) confirms Parent Forum will be contacted with breakdown of training (SCM) advises email is the best route of contacting the wider parent forum.(AA) asks that class reps share also.

Pastoral Information (AP)

Along with sacramental classes Canon Eddie will be visiting all classes until end of term. Dates within Head Teacher report. Thursday 30th March Cluster Mass all encouraged to attend, more information included HT report

Mini Vinnies group introduced March time

P4 retreat plans underway, possibly in school or church hall TBC

Plans underway 3rd May 2022 further information will follow.

SCM comments, SCM, NS, LI attended Recruitment and selection training 16/2/22 with (SF)attending next one.

SF asked if Sacrament of reconciliation going to be in church or school?.

AP confirms P4 sacrament will be held in St Cadocs Church 3rd March 7pm

AR closes with thanks regarding online resources available to children when at home isolating. AA closes with the reminder we all need to remember our manners and professionalism when using the car park.