Monday 26 March 2018

Parent Council Present: M Watt, AM Ewins, C Ewins, K Brough, R Martin

Parent Forum Present: E R Martin, B Gemson, A McKeown

Apologies: P Pickett, A Miele

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| 1. Minutes and Matters arising |
| MW updated group on invitation to M McKenna to attend Parent Forum meeting on forthcoming catchment GCC consultation. Details were not yet available and GCC would not be in position to attend and fully inform parent group on both consultations. |
| 1. Headteachers Report   RM updated group on staffing. Sarah Watt had been appointed DHT, responsible for S4/S5. She is scheduled to join NDH from All Saints secondary, effective 30th April. Probationary Drama teacher has been successful in securing post at NDH and recruitment is underway for Biology teacher (Mrs Dunn) and additional English teacher. Mr Henry retired Jan 18 but will continue as D of E lead in the interim. S3 led a successful St Patrick’s celebration community event. School lost out in finals of debating competition.  RM noted school roll for 2018/19 would be circa 709. Government-led standardised assessments for S3 scheduled for end May. These were part of new assessments at P1, P4, P7 and S3 stages to provide detailed reports to support staff judgement on progress. |
| 1. PEF update   RM to compile report on PEF spend. It was too soon to assess impact, however soft indicators were positive regarding pupil confidence from learning new skills and participating in activities such as skiing. Main areas were discussed as follows:  Staffing- spend has supported small group work, breakfast clubs, support for learning, additional Maths teacher, enhanced roles for staff in CPD roles, tracking and mentoring as well as supported study classes (inclusive of transport/lunch- as required).  Money had also been used to develop Pupil Support Assts., provide additional counselling, engagement sessions and residential trip facilitated by charity group Bethany Trust. An accelerated reader programme was underway for S2 as well as Duke of Edinburgh award scheme and lunch clubs.  2018/19 plans included development of parent workshops and provision of family counselling sessions.  Proposal to trial campus police officer of one day a week was discussed and supported. Cost quoted 1/5 of £16,000 with position shared with Hyndland and Hillhead secondary schools. |
| 1. AOCB   MW updated group on council consultation on boundary changes. Plans would simplify catchment areas for 17 non-delineated schools, including NDH and 13 delineated schools. It was anticipated that St Ninians and Corpus Christi would no longer be associated feeder schools and alteration to catchment would include St Joseph’s at St Georges Cross and St Patrick’s in Anderston. Discussion occurred on options including retaining status quo and extending catchment to schools within reasonable distance to NDH. AMcK noted studies presenting quantitative statistics on level of participation in STEM, Physics and Engineering from girls in single sex education. It was agreed that a letter to parent/carers would be drafted for next meeting. This letter would provide information on both planned council consultations and invite feedback from school community to ensure NDH parent council accurately represent the parent voice. Letter to be issued as hard copy in school bag with access online and via text. Translated copies would be required. ACTION: MW/CE to draft and circulate letter  KB suggested request of statement of educational benefit provided to GCC for consultation on coeducational proposal. ACTION: KB to follow up as FOI to GCC |
| 1. DONM   Wednesday 18th April, 5:30pm |