

Notre Dame High School

Parent Council

## **Minute**

Tuesday 24 September 2019

Present: K Brough, E Richter, P Pickett, C Ewins, A Ewins, F Hamad, A Miele, S McLure (Head Girl), R Martin, E Henderson.

1. The group welcomed a number of parent guests.

2. S1 Parent Council Election

Four S1 parents expressed an interest in joining the Parent Council at our recent S1 Information Evening. The Parent Council Constitution states that each year group should have two parent reps. Following a draw made on the evening, Paul McNally and Amanda McLaughlin were successful with L Thomson and C White in reserve.

3. Head Girl and Headteacher Reports

Sophie highlighted the ipad roll out and parent agreement evenings held so far as well as the successful Open Evening and Senior Phase Family Learning events. R Martin reaffirmed the school's approach to engaging with families. Next Family Learning event is Coping with Teenage Emotions with the Central Parenting Team. These four sessions are between October – December. HT has experimented with emailing information to parents using Groupcall and the Xpressions App, saving on photocopying and bag drops.

R Martin expressed concern at parent drop-off and pick-up – danger to safety of young people in the way parents park and manoeuvre.

- Suggestion of applying to make the area a car-free zone
- Invite Go Safe Glasgow to speak with pupils
- Invite Police Scotland to have a presence in the area
- Use Eco Group to have a presence at the gate with banners
- Parent Council to address new parents on this issue on P7 induction days

4. School Improvement Plan and Pupil Equity Fund

R Martin distributed the new SIP, highlighting the success of the Improvement Planning Conference in June 2019 for staff, young people and parents.

PEF spend distributed and discussion around linking priorities in SIP with PEF, particularly literacy levels. Some suggestions from the group on how to address gaps;

- Use of Library – additional librarian hours and/or resources
- Visits from poets/authors
- Further engagement with local museums/places of interest

R Martin highlighted the school's decision not to continue with Campus Police Officer and the reasons for this. Parent Council happy with this decision.

R Martin encouraged parents to consider additional PEF spend for next meeting.

5. A.O.C.B.

R Martin described participation in S5/6 PE. Discussion around Health and Wellbeing and the best approach for this group. Pupils to be surveyed on needs and ideas for improvement.

**Meeting Schedule for session:**

Wednesday 6 November

Tuesday 3 December

Wednesday 5 February

Tuesday 21 April

Wednesday 17 June