

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th Nov 2019

Sederunt Mr. Joe Keith
Mrs. K Couttie
Mrs. Margaret Wilson
Mrs. Kathleen Crossan
Mr. William Brown
Mrs. Janice Cole
Mr. Craig Melrose
Mrs. Lorna McDonald
Mrs. Angela McAulay

Beth from S6 gave a presentation on behalf of the Rights Respecting School Group. Mrs Couttie thanked Beth and all the pupils involved for their hard work.

1. Opening prayer and welcome

2. Apologies

Mr. Graeme Brooks
Mrs. Pauline McLevy
Mr. John Wilson
Mr. Tony McEwan
Mrs. Laura May

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes were read and approved

Proposed: Angela McAulay

Seconded: Craig Melrose

4. Matters Arising

There is no staff representative at the moment Mrs. K. Couttie has asked for volunteers.

5. Correspondence

J. Keith spoke about “ Connect “ Training Courses which will be held in St. Michaels on the 20th November 2019 where they will discuss the Parental Engagement Act. Elaine Kelly will also be running another course on the 27th February 2020 at the Beacon from 6.45-9pm where there will be group workshops.

6. Chairperson Report

J. Keith explained that Mark Ruddy had suggested at the last meeting an idea for raising money called “ Easy Fundraising”. A percentage of the goods purchased goes to school funds through this website. Mrs. Couttie will look in to this as we need to sign up for it. Janice Cole said she will ask Ardgowan Primary as they already use it.

J Keith discussed with William Brown if he could help out with publicity to promote the parent council and he agreed to look in to various ideas.

7. Head Teachers Report

Mrs. Couttie explained that due to the election on the 12/12 this will clash with the S2 Parents Evening. This has now been changed to the 11/12 and the school will inform parents through letters ect.

Senior Awards evening was very successful.

S5 R.E. conference was a great success.

P7 Open evening was very well attended. Very positive feedback was received.

The school will be working with the authority regarding school capacity. Ruth Binks will visit the school to discuss maximum capacity. To be confirmed.

The school cafeteria accommodation is being assessed due to how busy it is now. The use of the tables will be discussed for best use .

Attainment meeting, Michael Roach spent time with pupils.

Mass at St. Patricks on 1.11.19

Halloween party was very successful.

At the S1 retreat at St. Patricks a pupil was knocked down, the pupil is okay. The procedures of the arrangements for the pupils is to be reviewed.

Mrs. Couttie attended Lomond View School for a “ Proud to Care” event. She was very impressed with the young people who spoke at this event.

On the 14th November the NDHS will be hosting Young Musician of the Year.

Pantomime rehearsals are in full swing.

No Science Technician has been appointed at the moment.

8. Budget Cuts

Janice Cole is very concerned regarding the proposed cuts to the music services. NDHS cluster will be severely affected. The string tutor and two woodwind instructors have not been replaced which has a huge affect on the primary schools in the cluster.

It was felt that after getting such wonderful review from HMI that this is very disappointing. Mrs. Couttie will speak to Robert Lamb to clarify. There was concern with everyone at the meeting especially as evidence supports how beneficial music is with confidence and attainment progress with a wide range of pupils.

Craig Melrose expressed concern about the other cuts proposed to Homelink workers, teachers, ect. The services are already stretched and it will affect the health and well being of our children.

We all agreed it would acutely affect all aspects of our pupils lives.

A.O.C.B.

Date of next meeting Tuesday the 14th January 2020 at 6.30.