



**Meeting of St Columba's High School
Parent Council
Tuesday 9th October 2018**

MINUTES

1. Present:
E. Lafferty, C. Wilson, T. Gage, H. MacLaurin, C. McVey, Mgr. G. Gallagher, Cllr M. Brennan, J. Cuffe, N. Devine, I. McLean
2. Apologies: L. Stevens, I. McKee, Cllr. L. Quinn, D. McGarrigle, P. Cannon, Cllr C McEleney, J. Sweeney.
3. Minutes of the PC Meeting (28th August 2018) - approved
4. Matters Arising:
 - (a) School Website – 22nd October Launch
 - (b) Inverkip Bus – Punctuality – seems to have improved, no more instances. Bus timetable to be published.
Lomond road – across from W Bay primary service entrance – timing issue with St Columba's bus and St Ninian's could cause congestion on pavement if St Columba's Bus delayed.
5. Fundraising Group
 - Financial Statement
Successful Family Quiz Night - £420 raised. Particular thanks to G Burke & L.Stevens
Balance £1273.57
 - Events 2018\19
European Evening/ Christmas Marker Thursday 29th Nov. Any support which could be offered would be greatly appreciated.
 - Funding Applications
Memberships for academic groups (L Millar)
Around £500 agreed initially.
Non – Alcoholic Sparkling Wine will be purchased for S6 Prom

- Check about cheques for School Lottery
 - Funds raised by school could be matched up to £250 – J. Cuffe
6. Communications Group
 - PC Noticeboard – updates on board.
 - School App\Twitter\Facebook\Newsletter
C. McGeehan to contact E Lafferty regarding Newsletter items
 7. School Improvement Planning Group
 - P. Cannon and C. McVey – meeting will be arranged with HT regarding update on SIP.
 8. Parent Council Objectives 2018/19
Inc PC Questionnaire
E.Lafferty to issue list of questions for Parent Council to consider.
 9. Head Teacher's Report
 - Whole school self-evaluation update – HGIOS?4
Started to engage with QI Curriculum
 - Contributions to Curriculum Rationale. N. Devine shared draft with members.
N. Devine will email to E Lafferty to distribute to members to seek views.
 - E. Lafferty discussed around number of subjects studied in S4.
E. Lafferty will raise at PC Chairs Meeting
 - Partnership – Career Ready mentoring
 10. Pupil Equity Funding – Update
 - Will be carried forward to next meeting
 11. PC Representatives Meeting – Feedback
 - Fraser Donaldson - Inverclyde Clothing/Food/Fuel/Uniform/Toy bank
Will be invited along to next meeting. Possible involvement on European Evening
 - Parent Network Scotland
 - HMIe – looking for members of lay inspectorate.
 12. Church Issues

- 21st November 2018 official opening. Centenary of 100 years of partnerships between church and state St Ninian's Primary School – congratulations to Inverclyde Council on success.
- Diocesan Synod – moving from Maintenance to Mission. Looking across Diocese about working between and across parishes. Learning to work together. A lot of good material from consultation.
Current model needs changed.
Discussion over challenges.

13. Correspondence

- SPTC – Connect Training Sessions for Parent Council Representatives

14. AOB

- Staffing HEc/Maths/Music 0.5
- Issue arising regarding music lessons – pupils being excused from classes.

15. Date & Time Next Meeting – Tuesday 27th November 2018 @ 6.30pm
in the School Conference Room
