



**Meeting of St Columba's High School  
Parent Council  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**MINUTES**

1. Present: E. Lafferty, D. McGarrigle, T. Gage, N. Woodside, L. Stevens, Cllr. M. Quinn, M. Robinson, Heather MacLaurin, David Stevens (Head Boy), C. Owen, N. Devine, C. McGeehan
2. Apologies: A. Friel, J. Cuffe, I. McKee, C. Wilson, Cllr. M. Brennan, R. McCarthy, Mgr. G. Gallagher
3. Resignations: J. Sweeney, P. Cannon
4. Minutes of the PC Meeting (9<sup>th</sup> October 2018) - read and accepted
5. Matters Arising:
  - (a) School Website – Update provided. Resources being added gradually to departmental pages. E. Lafferty requested that PC agenda and minutes be added to website.
  - (b) Wemyss Bay Bus – concern raised about safety of pupils at bus stop on Lomond Road (previously there were two bus stops). Particularly worrying if St. Ninian's pupils are all waiting at same time as the other buses. Cllr L. Quinn will raise this with Grant McGovern.  
Concern raised about overcrowding on Inverkip bus recently. N. Devine has complained to the Authority regarding this issue when it was raised by a pupil.  
L. Quinn raised issue regarding one of the drivers allegedly smoking.

- (c) Curriculum Rationale – The draft document has been circulated to parents, staff and pupils. It is almost ready to be finalised.
6. New ECO Committee – Miss Owen provided an update about the trial of the Eco committee with Nurture groups. Invited parents to be involved and to share with other parents.  
First official meeting is scheduled for Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January.  
Sources of funding are being investigated.  
Aiming to work towards Eco schools award.
  7. Fundraising Group
    - Financial Statement – balance: £1273
    - Events 2018\19 – European Evening\Christmas Market has had to be cancelled.
    - Alternative fundraising possibilities were discussed for 2019.
    - J. Cuffe has requested funding from his place of work (RBS)
    - E. Lafferty raised the possibility that some funding applications may have to be turned down if further fundraising is not successful.
    - A Bingo night was scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> February or 1<sup>st</sup> March. L. Stevens will check with St. Joseph's quiz group.
  8. Communications Group
    - Contact the Parent Council – C McGeehan will add a direct link on the school app to allow parents to email the Parent Council
  9. School Improvement Planning Group – N. Devine will bring along the updated School Improvement plan to the next meeting.
  10. Parent Council Objectives 2018/19  
PC Questionnaire – draft questions circulated and discussed.
  11. Head Teacher's Report – N. Devine discussed staffing with mention of Maths post (4 applicants) and PT RE post (closing date Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec).

12. Pupil Equity Funding – C McGeehan provided a brief update.

Creativity & Employability – successful STEAM family event with increased attendance compared to last year.

Attainment & Achievement – Many varied events/activities being undertaken e.g. Sea Cadet, Cycling, Outdoor Learning

Literacy & Numeracy – very successful Book Week Scotland, Reading at registration scheme. Lots of work going on analysing data and looking at interventions.

13. PC Representatives Meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – E. Lafferty will attend this meeting.
14. Remit of Parent Council – leaflet issued to review in the new year.
15. Church Issues – Fr Gerry not present.
16. Correspondence – No objections to email addresses being
17. AOB

Cllr L. Quinn thanked Mr Witherow and his Enterprise & Employability class and Miss Higgins' Advanced Higher English class for their contribution to Remembrance Sunday play.

L. Stevens asked about consistency across departments regarding target grades and working grades in the Senior Phase. N. Devine said this was an issue discussed by SLT and would be raised at the next ELT meeting.

E. Lafferty asked if the school have received any indication of numbers for August S1 intake.

E. Lafferty asked about the possibility of industrial action by teaching staff.

18. Date & Time Next Meeting – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 @ 6.30pm in the School Conference Room.