



**Meeting of St Columba's High School
Parent Council
Tuesday 28th August 2018**

MINUTES

Present: E. Lafferty, D. McGarrigle, M. Robinson, Cllr. L. Quinn,
R. McCarthy, D. Stevens (Head Boy), L. Stevens, C Wilson,
J. Sweeney, J. Cuffe, T. Gage, N. Devine, C. McGeehan

1. Apologies

Heather MacLaurin, Cllr. M. Brennan, P. Cannon, I. McKee, Mgr. G.
Gallagher, Cllr. R. Ahlfeld

2. Minutes of the AGM (22nd May 2018)

Agreed and accepted. Proposed by D. McGarrigle and seconded by
L. Stevens.

Head Boy (David Stevens) was welcomed to the meeting.

3. Matters Arising:

- (a) School Meals Pre Ordering Pilot – discussed and agreed to
remove from agenda as feedback from pilot schools has not been
positive.
- (b) School Website – meeting has been arranged with N.
Greenshields (QIO) on Thursday 30th Aug to discuss the website
'going live'.
- (c) Inverkip Bus – The 'Double Decker' issue has been resolved –
there are now two separate coaches servicing the Inverkip route.
There have been a number of 'teething issues' regarding the buses
(Inverkip, in particular). C. McGeehan will endeavor to get a
definitive list of pick up times and places to communicate to
parents.

The local authority have advised today that the bus company have been asked to provide transport for 120 pupils on the Inverkip bus. Buses not being on time continues to cause concern and this will be monitored over the next few weeks.

(d) Consortium Arrangements – N. Devine reported that consortium arrangements have been very smooth and no issues have arisen to date.

4. Fundraising Group

- Financial Statement - current balance: £1053.57

It was agreed that payments would be made in two instalments, similar to last year.

Request for funds from English department for buses to pantomime for S1 – agreed (£200)

- Events 2018\19 – Quiz Night – proposed for 28th September (this will be checked with PE dept. as it is Health & Wellbeing day).
- It was proposed that the European evening is on 29th November. (This will be checked with Modern Languages dept.)

5. Communications Group

- PC Noticeboard – H. MacLaurin has been working on notes and photos etc. for the notice board.
- C. McGeehan distributed leaflets to advertise the school app. Feedback, so far, has been very positive and suggestions are welcomed as to how the app may be used or improved.

6. School Improvement Planning Group – N. Devine reported that progress has already been made with the improvement plan

7. Parent Council Objectives 2018/19

Inc PC Questionnaire

A draft questionnaire will be brought to the next meeting by E. Lafferty.

8. School Events – Parking Facilities

An issue regarding parking when events are on has been raised by local residents. Various suggestions to improve the situation were discussed.

We will look into the possibility of ensuring the pitch is not being used on the same night as a big school event.

9. Head Teacher's Report

- S1 – have settled in really well.
- Two new classrooms have been created during the summer holidays (in Art and in Technical).
- Senior pupils pursuing foundation apprenticeships
- 71 pupils are attending college courses (the school has to pay for this now)

Staffing update

- L. Currie has started as a Drama teacher.
- E. McLaughlin has started as an ICT teacher.
- S. Stoddart has joined us as an newly qualified teacher in Maths.
- M. Armstrong has joined us as an newly qualified teacher in Chemistry.
- J. Walker has joined us on supply in Science.
- C. Edenborough has joined us on supply in Social subjects.
- C. McCrossan has joined us on supply in Technical.

SQA Results

N. Devine presented a short powerpoint to summarise the 2018 results.

Vision, Values & Aims

Our new Vision, Values & Aims were presented.

10. Pupil Equity Funding – Update on new team provided by C. McGeehan with some plans for parental engagement in the session ahead. Some ideas were discussed.

11. Church Issues

Mgr. G. Gallagher was not present.

12. Correspondence

The next Parent council chairs meeting - St. Ninian's 26th September at St. Ninian's Primary.

13. AOB

L. Quinn asked when S1 would be allowed to the shops. The same recommendations as last year will apply (S1 will not be allowed to go to the shops until they enter S2).

Cllr. L. Quinn said some residents had contacted her to complain about a minority dropping litter at the shops on Tower Drive.

SLT have created a rota to be at the shops every interval and lunchtime.

14. Dates and times of Meetings 2018/19 were agreed as follows:

9th Oct

20th Nov

15th Jan

19th Feb

30th Apr (AGM)

11th June

These dates will be added to the school app calendar.
