

St Ninian's Parent Partnership Meeting

Tuesday 12th November

<p>Present: Karen McBride, Louise Smith, Cheryl Gray, Michelle Irving, Anna McMillan (parent rep on Ed Committee), Alan Marsh, Karen Howell, Elaine Balzan, Adrian Magnano, Karin Forrest, Janine Munro, Anne Coyle, Charlene Parker, Colin Edgley, Veronica Edgley, Karen Farmer, Colette Kavanagh, Katrina Sweeney, Marianne Wynn, Elaine Morgan, David Morgan, Louise Brands, Lauryn McEwan, Jillian Callaghan, Ross Callaghan, Lesley McCabe, Siobhan Currie</p>	
<p>Welcome and introductions – Karin Forrest</p>	
<p>Minutes from last meeting Minutes were distributed – no issues raised</p>	<p>Siobhan Currie to complete and distribute minutes of current meeting</p>
<p>Election of Office Bearers Chair – Adrian Magnano Vice Chair – Alan Marsh Secretary – Elaine Balzan Fr Gerry Nelis nominated Louise Stevens as parish member – this nomination was accepted</p>	<p>Mrs McCabe to inform Louise Stevens Karin Forrest to update new PTC with the constitution details, finances and both ongoing and future actions</p>
<p>Guest Speaker: Anna McNeil, parent representative on Education Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update from recent committee meeting – Policy and obligation of the council is to provide a place for children living within the catchment area. To meet this, St Columba's intake for 2020- 2021 is to increase from 120 to 140 Impossible to predict number of children from villages who will request a place but council thinks 140 places should be enough to cover demand. 2020 – 2021, at the moment all children in P7 are living within the catchment area Going forward, the Council will look at the structure of the schooling in Inverclyde and hold a pre consultation meeting to look at the demands within the community before going to statutory consultation All information on school roles, catchment areas and processes in place can be found on the council website The Head Teacher reported that Ruth Binks has said that she will visit school communities to speak to parents, she wants an open, honest and frank consultation. Parents in the room welcomed this expressing several concern; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the 'fairness' of the present system and the potentially significant impact for St Ninian's children living within the catchment area, if a large number of children from the 'village' schools opt for a place at St Columba's The impact on St Ninian's role should a Catholic primary be established to serve the villages 	<p>Chair to organise invitation to Ruth Binks</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anomaly of 'ticking a box' for denomination at registration restricting the rights of Catholic children living in the villages to choose, while non-denominational living in the villages have the choice ○ Children participating in induction events and then finding out they will not be going to the secondary placement of their choice. ○ Changing criteria so that baptismal certificate will supersede having siblings in the school 	<p>Parents urged to participate in consultation process</p>
<p>5 Social and Fundraising Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crazy Hair Day is 29th November – information about this event has been sent out. Mindful of the cost of the school day, families can make a donation to events, if they choose. For Crazy Hair Day the donations are wrapped gift for a child to the value of £1 for lucky dip at Fete, chocolate and shortbread for stalls at fete and bottles for the tombola • The school Christmas Fete is 7th December. • Christmas show dates are 10th, 11th and 12th December, • The fundraising group will hold a raffle at each of these events. • Tickets will be strictly 2 tickets per family on a first come first served basis. Any extra tickets will be sold through the parishes. • Xmas Cards have been returned and will be distributed to the children on Friday 15th November 	<p>Karin Forrest to post reminders on social media. HT to put in school newsletter.</p> <p>Fundraising group to organise raffle</p> <p>School to organise ticket sales</p> <p>Fund Raising Committee to organise cards</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accounts have all been audited. Balance brought forward from 2018-2019 £2411. School was given £1,500. Some money was raised at Halloween disco and present balance is £718.85 which will be used for the float for the school fete. 	<p>Katrina Sweeney to organise float</p>
<p>Head Teacher's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to fundraising committee for successful Halloween Events • Appointed new office staff member 17.5 hours a week, afternoon post, Pamela McGlone • Mrs Griffin has a new job in Craigmarloch Primary School, currently have Vicky McNee in post, job will be advertised on My Job Scotland • Recent visit to school by Head of Education, Michael Roach, he was very impressed by the school, the engagement of pupils and the consistency of the high quality teaching and learning. He also spoke highly of the role of the support staff and the impact they have on helping to raise attainment for children requiring support 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEM – Cluster schools have been successful in a bid for a grant to increase awareness of STEM – working with early years and also high school • Our involvement in STEM with early years is digital literacy, working closely with Binnie St Early Years Centre Our lead is Yasmin Tait Our involvement with St Columba's is Numeracy, Our lead is Rebecca Oliver • Our choir will be performing at all the usual events over Christmas, care homes and Old Gourock and Ashton Christmas Service as well as the switch on of Christmas lights. • Currently the music service is under review and whilst Lilian Potter is on maternity leave there is no-one to replace her. Communication will be sent out from Robert Lamb who has responsibility for the music service. • Mass of Commitments on Sunday 17 and 24 November in church • Education Scotland are coming to video the good practice of support staff. Through PEF they have been empowered to help raise attainment. This will be shown on the national improvement hub as a model of good practice. • Recent sporting events – Cross Country Challenge and Championship. Over 40 children attended the challenge • Sports Hall athletics were very successful too • P1 and P1/2 will be visiting the library tomorrow • Siobhan has begun the nursery visits, Inverkip, Wemyss bay and Binnie Street which will support the transition process. • Rights Respecting School silver award and now on a journey to Gold • Asking parents to engage with the consultation on the school catchment area and budget consultation. • Parents reminded of 'Open Door' policy and to be mindful when posting/engaging with social media. Parents asked to contact the school in the first instance if they have a concern 	
<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder that local councillors should be sent an agenda and invited to Parent Council Meetings. • Head Teacher thanked all for attending and for their continued support. • Next meeting date TBC 	<p>Chair to organise</p>