

**St Aidan's High School**  
**Parent Council Minutes**  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**Present:** Stephen Blair, Elaine McLaren, Roesia Nelson, Maureen Smith, Brenda O'Hara, Josephine Lowe, Niamh Giffen, Eamonn Kelly, Robert Nimmo, Jacqui Lebida, Elaine Butcher, Yvonne Lowe, P.Feeney Mrs Devlin, Mrs Connelly,

**Apologies:** Angela Feeney, Fiona Fotheringham

	Item	Action
<b>1.</b>	<b>Minutes From Previous Meeting</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes from previous meeting accurate, approved by Elaine McLaren, seconded Roesia Nelson</li> </ul>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Income £224 from S5/6 Parent's Evening, £970 from Morrison's bag packing</li> <li>Outgoings as previously agreed for awards, ice cream and welfare fund £1540</li> <li>Balance in account £2093.68</li> <li>Robert thanked Elaine McL, Lisa, Mrs Devlin and Mrs McKenna for helping with bag packing as well as the pupils who volunteered their time</li> <li>Mrs McKenna and 11 pupils also attended the Santa Dash to help raise funds for St Andrew's Hospice</li> <li></li> </ul>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Parent Council Investment in School</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs Connelly brought bids from departments and ideas for prizes/competitions that the PC could fund</li> <li>Social Subjects would like an ipad to be used in the department £260</li> <li>Home Economics requested £260 for Fashion &amp; Textiles Textbooks</li> <li>PE Department have asked for £360 to purchase badged athletic vests</li> <li>Suggestion of a Creative Writing Competition that would be run by S6 Journalism Class</li> <li>Active Schools Co-Ordinator would like to reward the best sports leader</li> <li>PE Department, to encourage pupils to attend lunchtime activities would like to offer a prize for commitment and participation</li> <li><b>PC agreed to all bids and suggestions</b></li> </ul>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Head Teacher's Report</b>	
	<p><u>School Improvement</u></p> <p>Vision, Values, Aims – gathering pupil voice. Looking to engage parent voice now.</p> <p>Priority 1 To improve the quality of personalised support for learners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased number of meetings taking place with parents of pupils with additional support needs. Ongoing programme.</li> <li>Subjects have been increasing the range of differentiated activities within classes.</li> </ul> <p>Priority 2 To raise attainment and to reduce the poverty related attainment gap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff have been sharing ideas on improvements to learning and teaching methods</li> <li>Interventions to close the attainment gap are continuing. More staff trained on reading recovery programme. Nurture groups up and running. Tracking system established to monitor progress.</li> <li>Staff training on Twitter – more departments starting Twitter accounts.</li> </ul> <p>Priority 3 To improve the health and wellbeing of our young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active Schools Co-ordinator has increased range of activities on offer</li> <li>Sports Leaders are running a range of lunchtime activities</li> </ul>	

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	<p>Priority 4</p> <p>To improve the employability skills of our young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>DYW co-ordinators are</li></ul> <p>Attainment Review with North Lanarkshire Council on 24<sup>th</sup> November went very well. Head of Service L McMurrich, Continuous Improvement Officers J Ballantyne and R Dalziel and R Birch, HT from Dalziel High School commented on the very positive picture in terms of attainment within St Aidan’s. They also remarked on how well we knew our young people.</p> <p>Staffing: new Senior Technician Andrew Palmer.</p> <p><u>School/Pupil Achievements to Celebrate</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>S1 Drama pupils supported primary 2 pupils with their reading in St Ignatius Primary</li><li>S5 Christmas Ceilidh was an excellent evening.</li><li>S1 STEM pupils made Christmas bath bombs to sell</li><li>Higher Politics trip to New Lanark</li><li>Christmas Concerts – wonderful performances</li><li>Success for members of Gymnastics team and football teams</li><li>S5 and S6 Modern Studies trip to Scottish Parliament</li></ul> <p><u>Culture and Ethos</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Just over £1,800 was presented to St Andrew’s Hospice following the 6K run earlier in the session.</li><li>During Advent our young people and staff gave generously to our local community through the SVDP Christmas hampers, to APD our partner charity in India and to Save the Children. St Aidan’s does Strictly proved to be a very popular event! The non-uniform day also boosted our fundraising efforts.</li><li>St Andrew’s Hospice Ambassadors supported the Santa Dash and organised a staff coffee morning.</li><li>Bishop Toal participated in a Question and Answer session with S6 pupils.</li><li>S6 pupils welcomed children from Victoria Park school for their Christmas Party</li><li>Gifts were handed over to representatives from the Talbot centre at an assembly. S5 pupils explained how they had “grown” their £20.</li><li>Caritas students represented the School at the Annual Mass for deceased clergy in the Diocese of Motherwell.</li></ul> <p><u>Requests for Support from the Parent Council</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Some bids have been submitted from Departments</li></ul> <table><tr><td>Social Subjects</td><td>£260 for iPad</td></tr><tr><td>Home Economics</td><td>£260 for books for Fashion and Textiles</td></tr><tr><td>PE</td><td>£360 for badged athletics vests</td></tr></table> <p>Possible prizes</p> <p>Creative Writing Competition run by S6 Journalism pupils</p> <p>Best Sports Leader</p> <p>Reward for highest participation in S1 PE clubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assistance with celebrations of 100 years of Catholic state education</li></ul>	Social Subjects	£260 for iPad	Home Economics	£260 for books for Fashion and Textiles	PE	£360 for badged athletics vests	
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5.	<b>Fundraising Activities</b>							
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bag packing was a success with £970 raised</li><li>iPay System: The school is experiencing difficulty getting parents to use the system. Pupils still paying for most things using cash. It would be possible to set up monthly payments of the system if parent council did want to run a 200 club or similar</li><li>Focus for fundraising would encourage more people to participate. Focus for this term should</li></ul>							

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>be ICT upgrade</li> <li>Peter and Yvonne will look in to setting up a 200 club on behalf of the parent council</li> </ul>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent Council Member Training – ‘How to Improve Your School’ Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018, Municipal Buildings, Kildonan Street, Coatbridge. Request places through with the chairperson or secretary</li> </ul>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publishing Parent Council Contact Details in school handbook</li> <li>Clarified details required to go in school handbook. These are names of parent council members and contact details for the parent council.</li> <li>The names of all parent council members will be included along with the parent council email address</li> <li>Yvonne asked if the parent council had considered applying for grant funding. Peter Feeney is going to gather more information on this and feedback at the next meeting.</li> <li>Stephen is contacting Cllr McKendrick to discuss the PE facilities and will there after contact Isobel Boyd to discuss improvement to the facilities</li> </ul>	
<b>8</b>	Date of Next Meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 @ 7pm</li> </ul>	