Parent Council Minutes

Meeting – Monday 27th March 2017

**Head Teacher** – Mrs Paula Brazill

**Teacher Representative** – Mrs Kirsty Craig

**Chairperson** – Vacancy

**Vice Chair** – Mrs Ivelina McAtee

**Treasurer** – Mrs Katrina Semple

**Secretary** – Vacant Post

**Parent Council Clerk** – Mrs Michele Fenton

**Councillor** – Alan Graham

**Parent Members** – Ms Tracy Bulpitt, Mrs Jacqueline Griffen,

Mrs KirstyAnn McCafferty,

Mrs Catherine Bozec, Mark Molloy, Ms Liz McPhail,

Mrs Claire Cooley, Mrs Louise White

**Apologies**

**Principal Teachers** – Mrs Julie McColl / Mrs Anne Yuill

**Parish Rep** – Sacred Heart – Mrs Karen Brown

**Councillor** – William Goldie – Meeting at Motherwell

Ivelina opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them all for coming along, great turnout.

A discussion was made regarding the vacant posts on the parent council, Chairperson and Secretary. Details to be given out to parents via, school website, email and School Facebook.

New Parent Council members went along to the training last week, but unfortunately it was cancelled without notice. Louise White to be removed as Admin from school Facebook page.

Parent Council Email address – [stmarysparentcouncil@hotmail.com](mailto:stmarysparentcouncil@hotmail.com)

Old Parent Council Facebook page has been archived at the moment. A new one is set up and the new Chairperson will decide along with the members on the way forward with them.

Easter Disco – DJ has been arranged via Ms Bulpitt, Free of charge.

Easter Eggs, Juice, Snacks – Arranged by Katrina and KirstyAnn (donated by Tesco)

Parent Helpers – Infant Disco - Ivelina, Tracy, Kat, KirstyAnn, Liz

Parent Helpers – Senior Disco – Ivelina, Tracy, Kat, KirstyAnn, Jacqueline, Claire

Staff Helpers – Paula, Anne, Louisa, Kirsty, Michele, Lorna

Treasurers report - £1443.00 in account after the Easter Disco spend of £110

Handover total from previous chairperson - £1553.75.

Louise White talked about the commitments from the parent council which hopefully will continue.

Money towards the school prom – photo booth approx. £300

School Ties for Nursery children and P7 moving on to school and high school approx. - £250

Panto Bus - £640

Grant application to be applied for before the deadline of 6th June 2017 – Louise and Claire happy to help the next chairperson complete this.

Mrs McAtee spoke about a number of items on the Agenda

Bullying – Parents looking for an update on the policy. The council have just updated this and it will be discussed with staff and once ready will be updated and placed on the school website. Details to follow.

Friendship Bench – Mr Molloy will look into a couple of contacts with regard to having them placed in the infant and senior yard.

Garden Area requiring updating – parents to be asked to help out.

Child Security – In school, a number of options are being investigated by Mrs Brazill, relocating some classrooms, Fob on internal doors, double handles on classroom doors, telephone system. Mrs Bozec mentioned about a program that can be added to the schools laptop/computers instead of telephones – 3CX

We currently have all access doors near the classroom alarmed at all times when children are in school. Doors monitored at break times, risk assessments in place. If no parent at door to collect, children know to come back in and sit at the office.

Janitorial – Toilet rolls and soap, Mr Brown currently checks the toilets each morning and stocks up, children pouring soap down the sink and toilet rolls down the toilet.

All classroom have hand gel sanitiser available.

Mrs Brazill reads through her school report, and everyone is given a copy.

Projects – Edinburgh Book Festival, Glasgow College, NSPCC all working alongside the school at various times.

Charity/RE – Reconciliation, Sacrament of the Eucharist, Schoenstatt, Mass at St Andrews Cathedral, SCIAF, Easter Lenten charity events and Daffodil tea have raised an approx. £524 and still a couple of events to come.

Working Parties – Staff will be looking at Policies, Outdoor Learning.

Reports due out in May, same format as last year. Parent’s night due in June and staff will speak about the report.

Pupil Equity Fund – NLC schools have been given information from both Scottish government and the council and have been asked to submit a draft plan by Friday 31st March. This will support – Behaviour, Resilience, Physical health, Literacy, Numeracy. Copy of the proposed plan was shared with everyone present.

Social Media – as discussed at the last meeting we are aware of some very negative comments being shared on parents’ personal social media pages. NLC can and will be asked to contact parents who comment inappropriately about the school and ask for posts to be removed. Staff are bound by their positions not to comment on parents and children within the school, and we would ask that parents afford the same courtesy to the staff and school. It does not foster respect among children if adults do not model that behaviour.

Allan Graham – talked about the challenging school environment. Inadequate budgets and issues needing addressed outside of school. Happy to help in any way as he has been part of the parent council meetings for a long time and if anyone requires any help in the future to get in touch.

Monica and Gail from Barnardos spoke about Five to Thrive and there help within and outwith the school. Barnardos are working alongside the council and staff.

Claire Cooley mentioned that if any social media input against the school from any member of the parent council, they may be asked to leave.

KirstyAnn mentioned that a couple of people had mentioned about a Summer Fayre. PTA will look into this.

Next meeting will be Monday 24th April @ 6.30pm – AGM