St Ambrose High School Parent Council

Monday 6th March 2020

Key – EL = Parent Council Elected Member, PF = Parent Forum, DHT = Depute Head Teacher, SL= School Leader, TR = Teaching Representative

Present: K Robb (Chairperson), M McQuade (Vice Chair), K McGhie (EL), P Madau (EL), P McGowan (PF), D Goldie (PF), K Smith (PF), P Doran (EL), E Douglas (Head Teacher), J MacPhail (DHT), Niamh Carroll (SL), M Corns (PF), R Wallace (EL), K Hamill (EL), A Kerr (PF), A Millar (CR), J Killear (P), I Killear (P).

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| **Minutes** | **Action** |
| 1. **Prayer**   **J MacPhail & Chair** |  |
| 1. **Apologies**  F Weir & A McDermott |  |
| **3. Previous Minutes Address**   * Previous minutes agreed. * Cluster PC Meeting rearranged for May. * Discussion on Z Ramage completing further work * Perception and confidence - reiteration top 5%, most improved council. |  |
| 1. **Correspondence**   **N/A** |  |
| 1. Campus  * Coronavirus mentioned * Site recovery meeting (SRG) discussed. HT mentioned retirement - in light of confidence levels. * Ongoing remediation in drainage. * HT asked if any children had said toilets were locked, parents all responded in the negative. * HT asked if all at ease with this, toilets functional and useable. . * One teacher from Buchanan received extensive private testing and is happy to share results at next meeting. * Site recovery meetings moved to every second month. M McQuade commented that this is positive. * It was again noted that pupils seem to have confidence in school and are ready to move on. Comment on A Smith’s presentation from last month's meeting. * N Carroll commented it is good not to have meetings every month. * SRG minutes on the website. * JMcPh - commented on the coronavirus, following joint advice from NHS and NLC. * Brief discussion of positive cases, NHS inform, NHS 24, helpline set up. * Schools receiving much of the same advice, be vigilant about hygiene, reissued posters about good hygiene. * Any cases are being managed centrally, if any pupil displays symptoms then school to report to NLC. * School trips, as long as they do not fall into category 1 or 2 can proceed as normal. * Bishop Toal giving communion in hands not tongue and further measures in place to limit spread. * Noted also that St Andrews University had put measures in place, followed by more general discussion surrounding coronavirus. |  |
| 1. **Budget**  * Copies of labour group budget indicative distributed * HT discussed document briefly. * Need to reconfigure management - HT to await reductions in management structure. * Discussed 2014 reshuffle of faculties. * Noted difficulties of PTs who are not subject specialists. * Base budget adjustments, mentioned Kilbowie and other 'hard decisions.' * Point 16, mentioned classroom assistants - HT noted this different from ASNAs. * HT discussed budget further in relation to Education and Families. * Mention of reconfiguration of school week, noted this would be a large undertaking. * K Robb asked if parents were going to be involved or any kind of consultation with parents. * ASNAs - HT discussed cluster working with primary school, resources allocated according to needs of cluster. Cluster approaches increasing. * P Doran noted that St Kevin's have a mental health councillor 2 days. Scottish government allocated money for counselling services. * Comment also on need to enhance mainstream, so young people can cope with mainstream education. * HT noted to be a review on joint campus/shared headship - although this mainly based in primaries. * Librarians, cease of service within secondary schools. Noted C Wright fabulous library. This resource now being considered in the context of the community. * Some budget cuts were rejected. |  |
| 1. **HT Report**  * Noted staffing situation difficult due to long term absence. * Mentioned also Mr Fitzhenry, new PT RE. * HT also reminded those present that SQA examinations have begun. * K Robb offered thanks and noted the great deal of supported study. JMcPh mentioned English supporting study with parental involvement. * HT discussed handover period. HT post has been advertised as acting post. Interviews due to take place Friday 13th March. This will allow HT to handover, management structure is in place. * HT to return for one week after spring break. Thursday graduation mass, then Friday 24th April last day. * The post has been advertised as 'acting' HT * HT thanked M McQuade & K Robb for their support and help, particularly throughout the last year. * HT mentioned retirement celebrations, and mass St Augustine's then return to St Ambrose for buffet. |  |
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| 1. **Report from A Millar**  * Noted there is a new youth worker - in primary 1 day per week at the moment. * Retreat has been finalised for Caritas pupils. S6 - Parish centre 1 day. S3 Father Kane would like some kind of retreat. S4 will work with Jan (youth worker) and PT RE A. Fitzhenry. S6 to be trained to give retreat to S1. * Noted Lenten daily masses. * Buchanan High pupils invited to join anything at St Ambrose. * Caritas pupils helping food bank. |  |
| 1. **AOCB**  * K. Robb thanked HT, mentioned again celebration 2nd April. * Commented that it was a privilege to be on PC with Mrs Douglas, whole group very positive. * K Robb commented on what HT has done for both school and pupils. * . |  |
| 1. **Date of Next Meeting:**   May 4th 2020 |  |