PTA 15th May 2023

Present – Paul M, Shauna L, Clare D, Julie D, Chris S, Leanne B, Siobhan L, Laura McI, Claire H

Apologies - Clare J, Alket, Father John, Moya S

**Headteacher Report**

Staffing – Mr Docherty English and Mrs McCafferty Biology are both retiring.

Newly appointed staff: Mrs McNally Principal Teacher for English, Maths Mr Patterson, Biology & science Miss Crossan, Miss Nelson English and Miss Gentleman in Inclusive Support. Two pupil classroom assistants have been appointed.

Intake for 2023 first year will be around 196 but may be subject to change.

Mr Marshall and Mrs McElroy has visited all primary 7 cluster schools. P7 have made visits to Trinity High to take part in mass and stay for breakfast on a Tuesday morning.

Music events include Renfrewshire Instrumental Spring concert in the Abbey. Renfrewshire young musician of the year.

School management – visit Julie Calder Head of Education and Emma Henry. Look at quality indicator. Presentation delivered on school improvement. Positive feedback.

Visit to the school from Lewis from the Insight Team. Meeting with middle and senior leadership staff on use of data and future planning.

Spring Fayre, success, community spirit and funds raised.

DoE expeditions have been out 2 x bronze and silver next week. It has been a logistical challenge to cover teaching staff.

S6 Leavers charity day a success- all young people participated well

S1 & S3 parents’ evenings. Both well attended. How do we build on that for next year (keeping n mind the ever increasing numbers of children per year)? Every S3 got a study guide.

Upcoming Events:

Feast of the Ascension S1,2,3, parishioners of St James. Police will support pupils on route to church

YPI final end of May.

1st 2nd June S5 &S6 will return. Programme of events to assist them with the Buddy programme.

5th June visit from chief executive Mr Russell from Renfrewshire council.

8th 9th June P7 induction days

Summer concert 15th June

15th June Prom S6

Some comments / discussion followed HT report:

* Study books – is there a way that year groups can learn study skills earlier? Study skills evening is hopefully planned for new term. Mrs McElroy is leading a working group to look at skills across each subject. What should a Trinity lesson should be? A template for working.
* Pupils who engage in activity DoE/Lourdes share their experience.
* Website working group to attend PTA to talk about the page and how user friendly it is. Testimonies on website on what pupils have been engaging in. YPI presentations can share with a wider audience.

PTA plan to forward planning for topics to cover at the beginning of the year.

**Spring Fayre review**

* Raised £1785. Cash for kids rolled into this £1766.66 since that sum incorporated stall holders’ money £10 / stall.
* Positive feedback from stallholders in general but some commented it was quieter than expected. Improvers - they would like bigger tables.
* Thanks to everyone who helped.
* Great success, well attended and lovely community event.
* Possibly more help from staff if it was later in year as they wouldn’t be working towards exam diet.

**Grant applications**

* magic little grants. Apply next term.
* Celebrating Renfrewshire for 21st may deadline. Suggestions for spend – outdoor spaces and PE. Upgrading the library as a space. Lack of social spaces, social seating. Cost £950 for one table and chairs. Pupils could use the social area to use to perform/jam/ karaoke.
* Outside seating – metal benches in 3 areas across the school will be fitted

**Some comments**

* Is there sustainability in schools - we can get tables from a refurb schools.
* Uniform exchange – not seen as sustainability so still limited update however branded uniform from exchange e.g. blazers are utilised. One of the options discussed 2for the Celebrating Renfrewshire grant was further support of uniform exchange by subsidising the purchase of branded schoolwear - ties and blazers – provide parents with discount code.
* Schoolwear made easy won’t come out to fit blazers but happy to send samples.

**Timetabling and class sizes**

Communications about classes running - young people will be told if they don’t get their first choice. Most people for 1st and 2nd choice. Classes don’t run if not enough pupils sign up.

How are music classes formed?

Music is not a practical subject therefore numbers can be higher. If class sizes were cut, we couldn’t run the classes. First year of advanced higher.

**School improvement plan**

* 3rd year of 3-year plan. Questionnaires to see how the plans have impacted.
* Priority 1 –Develop the effective use of data & information as a driver for increased levels of attainment and achievement. - tracking and monitoring, pupil voice, numeracy working group, curriculum review, parental newsletters.
* Priority 2 Continue to strive for improved health and wellbeing for young people – re design of social education delivered pastoral staff. Pastoral leaflets, transitions, RNRA, rights respecting school and celebration of achievement.
* Priority 3 – improve employability and support all of our young people to enter positive destinations. – capture data. Skills academy. Barista machine, health and beauty sessions with college staff. Car valeting company coming in
* Priority 4 –continue to promote our community of faith through a shared vision so all pupils can make a positive contribution to society faith groups to carfin, places of worship. Faith groups within the school
* There are 4 working groups of teachers who meet to help develop each priority.

**Treasurer Report**

£3654.04 treasury account to transfer to school.

**AOCB**

6th year prom on Friday 16th June. Can PTA help with drinks reception in school?

Thanks to Maureen McCafferty for all her work on PTA over the years.

Next meeting 12th June in person