



ST MUNGO'S PARENT COUNCIL

VICE- CHAIRPERSON: MRS ANISAH IJAZ

Minutes of a meeting of St Mungo's Parent Council held in the Conference Room on Thursday 8th November 2018 at 7pm.

PRESENT:

Parent Council Members: Martin Craigen, Anisah Ijaz, Mary Henretty, Carolyn Tribble, Jennifer Yearlly, Florence Crozier, John Angus

Councillors: James Kerr

In Attendance: Stephen Phee – Rector, Anne Hemfrey – Clerk

APOLOGIES: Pat Reid, Elaine Whitmarsh, Jacqueline Thomson.

NEW CHAIRPERSON REQUIRED

Keliann Arthur has resigned from the post of Chairperson. A new Chair is therefore required. Following discussion, it was agreed that in the first instance an email would be sent to all existing Parent Council members to see if anyone was interested in the post. If not, a group call will then be sent out to all parents together with a message on Twitter. If no-one is prepared to take on the role of Chair, the Parent Council will need to be disbanded.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th March were proposed by Martin Craigen and seconded by Mary Henretty.

MATTERS ARISING

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Current balance is £618.

RECTOR'S REPORT

A copy of the report is attached to these minutes. Of particular note:

Holidays of Obligation: Whole School Masses – Stephen has discussed this issue with Fr. Jamie Boyle, who is going to raise it at the next Deanery meeting. Key issues are the availability of priests, the number of masses across the parishes and in the primary schools and timing issues – pupils have to have a break and lunch.

Staffing – there are currently 5 vacant staff positions in Maths, English and Chemistry (2 are on maternity leave). Stephen is finding it impossible to get general supply teachers or subject specific supply teachers. This means that occasionally several classes are sent to the social space where they can be supervised by one member of staff.

Website – this is currently down as it is being updated.

Budget Cuts

Initial indications from Falkirk Council are that secondary schools are going to have to save **£2.5m** next year. Potential savings could be achieved as follows:

- Potential to revise school staffing arrangements, management structures and allocation of management time;
- Review allocation of supplies and services and expenditure on external activities;
- Review allocation of support staffing;
- Review of Senior Phase: delivery model (including digital learning) and revised curricular offer;
- Review of the efficiency of the current Broad General Education offer and its sustainability;
- Potential to re-configure the school day
- Review the efficiency of operating curricular courses in smaller classes.

EXAM RESULTS

Stephen gave a presentation on the exam results, which will be placed on the school website.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 17th January at 7pm.