



## ST MUNGO'S PARENT COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: MRS ANISAH IJAZ

Minutes of a meeting of St Mungo's Parent Council held in the Conference Room on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7pm.

### **PRESENT:**

**Parent Council Members:** Anisah Ijaz, Mary Henretty, Merle Stevenson, Carolyn Tribble, Jacqueline Thomson, Martin Craigen, Keliann Martin, Florence Crozier,

**Councillors:** James Kerr, Pat Reid

**In Attendance:** Stephen Phee – Rector, Clare Marshall - Deputy Head.

**APOLOGIES:** Steve Feltbower, Jennifer Yearly, Louise Hartland, Anne-Marie Gregory, Anne Hemfrey

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th March were proposed by Mary Henretty and seconded by Martin Craigen.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

£453 remaining from a balance of £1,058 – some to be retained for clerk's fees. Plan is for a Parent Council banner to be requested. Councillor James Kerr can arrange for this to be done and the suggestion was that the pupils be asked to design a logo for the Parent Council to be included in the banner.

### **RECTOR'S REPORT**

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

The new school timetable will commence August 2019. The school day will start at 9:00am and both Tuesdays and /Thursdays will be long days. There are concerns regarding the lack of the registration period and the pastoral support that goes along with it. School staff will be meeting with staff from St

Paul's RC High School in Dunbartonshire to understand how they manage this as they do not have registration.

New school rules are being developed with the likelihood that the focus will be on the terms Ready/Respectful/Safe.

#### **UPDATE ON STAFFING – see Rector's report.**

#### **CAREERS FAYRE**

To take place on 4<sup>th</sup> June 7:00-9:00 and will include a whole range of employers, universities and colleges, incorporating apprenticeship organisations, the voluntary sector, Skills development service among many others – looking to be an extremely interesting and valuable evening for parents and pupils alike.

#### **PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT**

There will be a number of parental engagement activities in the new school year, particularly with regards to the current subject choices and numbers for pupils. Recognised that there is variation across Scotland and pupils in some schools are able to do more than the 6 subjects currently offered by St Mungo's in terms of 4<sup>th</sup> year.

#### **PARENT CLUSTER MEETING**

This will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Holidays of Obligation: Whole School Masses** – Stephen had previously spoken with Fr. Jamie Boyle, and the hope had been that he might be able to attend tonight's meeting, however there had been no recent contact with Fr Jamie to confirm the invite. Stephen will contact Fr Jamie again with a view to further discussions particularly with regards to school masses for Holy Days of Obligation. It is hoped there will be a school Mass on Ascension Thursday (30<sup>th</sup> May) though it may be a challenge due to the SQA exams which generally require the use of the assembly hall.

**PC Website** – there has been a problem with these pages which seem to have disappeared from the website. There is also a need to ensure minutes are put on the notice board at the school entrance foyer and that these should always be the most recent – at present they are very out of date. Anne to be asked to look into how this can be achieved i.e. whose responsibility should it be to ensure this is done?

**PTA Quiz** night was very successful and raised around £800.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Merle has agreed to be a representative on the Education Executive Committee – meetings take place 5 times each year. Minutes of these meetings can be found on the Falkirk Council website.

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be the AGM and will take place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7pm. As in previous years, it will be a joint event with the PTA.