



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 23rd January 2020 at 7pm.

PRESENT:

Parent Council Members: Anisah Ijaz, Merle Stevenson, Carolyn Tribble, Florence Crozier, Steve Feltbower, Antoinette Cherubini Donaldson,

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

APOLOGIES: James Kerr, Anne-Marie Gregory, Keliann Arthur, Jacqueline Thomson, Ian Bruce, Sandy Murphy, Jennifer Yearly.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th November were proposed by Florence Crozier and seconded by Carolyn Tribble.

MATTERS ARISING

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The current balance is £948. The meeting agreed that the balance of the funds should be given to the school pending a decision by the Parent Council as to the best way to use them. As agreed at previous meetings, some of this money will be spent on a banner to advertise the Parent Council. Anisah to finalise the design of one. Another suggestion for spending some of the funds was for a Parent Council award to be presented at the Awards ceremony. To be discussed at the next meeting.

RECTOR'S REPORT

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

Mid Term Exams – these took place over a period of 9 days, as opposed to the 14 day period in previous years. This went well and saved money. A review with Faculty Heads will take place next week.

Miss Tierney – the school will be introducing an award in her memory.

Curriculum – after a full consultation process with staff, parents and pupils, and advice from external bodies it has been decided that pupils will study 7 subjects in S4 instead of the current 6 subjects.

UPDATE ON STAFFING

Following a meeting with Falkirk Council, there will be a small increase in staff numbers in the next academic year, based on an increase in the school roll.

SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

There is still an issue with some of the school bus services, in particular those operated by Horsburgh and First Bus serving Bo'ness, California and Lionthorne. Pupils get particularly stressed during exam time if their bus is late, though Stephen assured everyone that pupils are always given extra time if they are late for an exam due to the buses. Anne to draft a letter to the Council for Anisah and Stephen to approve.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

There is now a Parent Council page on the school website.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Parents asked if the gate at the side of the school beside the canal could be opened at the end of the school day, as this is more convenient for some pupils. It was originally closed due to a considerable problem with litter. This led on to a discussion about the litter problem on the pedestrian routes to the school, particularly those between the school and local shops. Local residents have complained. Stephen has in the past asked the Council for more bins, but none have been forthcoming. It was suggested that one way to tackle the litter was to have some system whereby house points were earned if pupils filled litter bins at the school. It was agreed that Anne would draft a letter to the Council requesting more bins.

Anisah asked Stephen to nominate a member of staff to be the Teacher Rep on the Parent Council, as we are concerned that this role has not been filled for some time now.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 19th March at 7pm.