



ST MUNGO'S PARENT COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: MRS ANISAH IJAZ

Minutes of a meeting of St Mungo's Parent Council held by video conference on Thursday 25th March at 7pm.

PRESENT:

Parent Council Members: Anisah Ijaz, Merle Stevenson, Antoinette Cherubini-Donaldson, Louise Harland, Steve Feltbower, Florence Crozier, Anne-Marie Gregory, Sofia Akbar, Sharon Mwale

Councillors: Pat Reid, James Kerr

In Attendance: Stephen Phee – Rector, Clare Marshall – Teacher Rep, Anne Hemfrey – Clerk

Apologies: Carolyn Tribble, Jacqueline Thomson, Pat Reid, James Kerr

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Florence proposed the minutes and Louise Harland seconded them.

MATTERS ARISING

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The balance is £508. The 2020/21 allowance from the Council is still to come. The account is now set up for online banking. The form to change signatories is in the post to the bank.

RECTOR'S REPORT

A copy of the Rector's report is attached. Key points to note:

- All pupils have now returned to school - all pupils in all year groups are in school at least once a week. However, the requirement for 2m social distancing means that on average, class sizes have been reduced by about two thirds.
- After Easter it is currently anticipated that there will be a full return of all pupils to school (end to 2m social distancing)

- SQA – the school have to inform the SQA by 29th April as to what level pupils are being presented at, the school has a positive presentation policy. Final marks have to be submitted end of May/early June. All submissions have to be totally evidenced based.
- Staffing - a new Music teacher, Mrs Chouliara and a new Support for Learning Assistant, Mrs Lesley Liddell, have been appointed.
- Calendar of events has been sent to parents.
- No Easter school this year, but there will be a programme of real time, interactive webinars covering Nat 4 to Advanced Higher. All details on the website.
- There will be a new 3 year Strategic Plan for those who have fallen behind. Parents asked about the recuperation stage for pupils. How will the school get pupils back to the level they were at and then up to where they should be? Stephen said that the teachers know what they have to do, but that there will inevitably be a “hangover” for a number of years.
- SCIAF box appeal – online donations can be made.

AOB

It was agreed that the bid submitted by the Art Department for funds should be approved in full. Anisah also proposed, if funds were available, that there should be some sort of memorial built outside to recognise the tough times that all pupils and staff have been through during the pandemic, eg tree planting, a bench. It was agreed that the pupils studying Design and Technology should be asked to design a memorial.

Pupil Behaviour - the anti-bullying policy is being re-drafted on the basis of feedback from stakeholders and a new draft version will be issued to the wider school community after Easter (1 House per year group).

Face masks – there was a query as to the type of face masks allowed. Stephen confirmed that the blue disposable masks are allowed.

Merle explained that she currently attends the Education & Young People Forum. There are four meetings per year (approx. three hours per meeting). Merle asked if another PC member was willing to attend.

Falkirk Area Parent Forum - the next meeting is on the 27th April. Anne to circulate email from Paul Wilcox.

Sofia informed the meeting that a new ASN Parents subgroup of the Falkirk Parents Forum has been set up, link here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/224858572303417>

The lead contact is Elise Stirling.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 27th May at 7pm by video link. (please note change of date from 20th May)